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KWANGTUNG BRITONS TOLD TO EVACUATE Advised To Return To Countries Of Origin CANTON NOT AFFECTED

Canton, May 2.

The British and American Consulates today advised their nationals in Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces that, under the present circumstances, it would be wise for dependants and non-essential personnel to evacuate.

The advice is contained in similar circulars over the signatures of the respective Consul-Generals, Mr. G. F. Tyrrell and Mr. Raymond Luddon. The circulars state that the advice is primarily for people residing outside the immediate urban area of Canton. There are about 250 Britons and 650 Americans in the consular district.

In each case, about 60 per cent live outside Canton and are mostly missionaries.

The British circular advises against evacuating dependants in Canton or Hong Kong because of the crowded conditions already existing in these cities. It urges evacuees to return to their countries of origin.

Similarly, the American circular advises that all evacuation plans should be directed towards a withdrawal to the continental United States.

The circulars urge immediate action by those intending to leave while there is time and the commercial means of transportation are still available. Both circulars point out that, although conditions in the Canton consular district are more stable than in certain other parts of China, it is impossible to predict how long this situation will last and it is advisable for those living in the interior to give serious thought to the dangers and inconvenience to which they are likely to be exposed.

The circulars said the decision to leave must, of course, be reached by the individuals concerned or by the organisations by which they are employed.

It seems wise, however, certainly in the case of missionaries, to review carefully the question of what constitutes essential personnel, bearing in mind that, within the foreseeable future in China, the propagation of the Christian doctrine might not be permitted.

Canton Not Included

The circulars state that Canton is regarded in a different category at the moment and there has been no suggestion that nationals should prepare to evacuate.

Long-service personnel of both countries will remain at their posts throughout China and every effort will be made to afford national whatever protection is possible.

Meanwhile the Communist advance on Shanghai along the Nanking-Shanghai railway remained stalled today at Kunshan, 33 miles West of the Jittery Red outflanking movement and an attempt to level the Nationalist defences by heavy artillery bombardment, according to the latest communiqué issued by the Shanghai Garrison Headquarters in Shanghai this afternoon.

This is believed to be the first time that the Communists have brought their big guns into action in their drive East since crossing the Yangtze River in force on April 21 in the Chinkiang sector.

The bulletin reveals that throughout last night Red guns pounded the outskirts of Kunshan without a moment's let-up, but failed to shake the "courageous and determined resistance" of the Nationalist units defending the area.

Strong Drive

At the same time, a strong Communist column, consisting of elements of the Communist 25th Army, launched a drive on Chinyangshang, two and a half miles South East of Kunshan, in an attempt to outflank the stubborn Nationalist defender but were driven back with heavy losses.

The Garrison also claimed that a force of some 200 Communists was dispersed when they were found near Chihyangshang, a few miles South West of Tzuichong, 2 miles North West of Shanghai. Military observers believe that this Red detachment may be the vanguard of Communist General Chen Yi's 31st Army, which was officially reported to be mauling at Chanshan, 50 miles North West of Shanghai, and were on a probing mission in preparation for drive South Eastward in the direction of Shanghai.

The communiqué made no mention of the situation around Kashing, the strategic road and railway junction 60 miles South West of Shanghai, which is at present threatened by Red columns from the West and North, nor in the vicinity of Hangchow.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) South Information. A depression over Hainan is moving ENE. Its associated trough extends S and SW to the Burma Strait. Pressure is moderately high over East China and relatively low over Indo-China and the Philippines.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E to SE winds, fair.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 79.8 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 70.1 deg. Fah.
Sunshine: 2.0 hours.
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Duchess Of Windsor Arrives In Britain



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor pictured at Victoria Station, London, after the Duchess's arrival to join the Duke on holiday in Britain. The Duchess wears an unusual cap and style jacket to her high-button costume. Her short guffed sleeves are set low in the body of the cape for the hands to come through. (AP Photo.)

COLONY'S GIFTS FOR WOUNDED RN PERSONNEL

A number of Hong Kong firms offered gifts for the wounded British naval personnel one day before the arrival of the American hospital ship, Repose, it was officially stated yesterday.

The gifts, it was added, poured into the Naval Hospital on Sunday.

The official statement said that the Naval authorities express sincere appreciation not only for the generous gifts, assistance and thoughts of the residents of Hong Kong, but also for their restraint from any demonstrations.

Actions and demonstrations, it added, might have hampered the smooth and rapid operation of moving all wounded from the Repose to the Royal Naval Hospital on Sunday.

At 10 a.m. tomorrow a special performance of "Scot of the Antarctic" will be given by the courtesy of J. Arthur Rank, through his representative, Mr. B. Marx, and the management of the Lee Theatre.

The performance has been arranged for the men who saw action on the Yangtze, the crew of HMS Consort and the personnel of Repose who attended the wounded on their journey from Shanghai to Hong Kong.

Any Offers?
Personnel of HMS Consort, half the crew at the time, have just completed three days' leave.

BIF Opens With Record

London, May 2.
A record number of buyers from almost all over the world queued to see the displays of British manufacturers at the 28th British Industries Fair, which opened simultaneously in London and Birmingham today in three of the country's largest exhibition halls, where 3,000 firms showed their wares on 26 miles of stands, which are expected to attract 600,000 people during the 11-day exhibition.

This year's Fair has attracted more overseas buyers than ever before, three times the pre-war number from the United States, record attendances from India and Australia, a large Argentinean party, about 1,000 each from Sweden, Holland, Belgium, France and Switzerland, and 34 from Hong Kong.

Apart from the manufacturers of Britain, the London section of the Fair includes a special Commonwealth exhibition of about 10,000 square feet devoted to displays by India, Pakistan, Canada, Ceylon, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Malaya, Mauritius, Mysore, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago and the Windward Islands. —Reuter.

ANOTHER CRASH ON SHANGHAI MARKETS

Shanghai, May 2.

The chaotic money market crashed at mid-day today after the Garrison Headquarters outlawed free trading in pro-war silver dollars on the threat of death.

The Garrison prohibited trading in silver dollars except at the official rate of 4,000,000 yuan to one silver dollar. Previously the open rate had been as high as 9,000,000.

As word of the order spread through Shanghai the value of the silver coins crashed and with it, the value of foreign currencies crashed even harder. The United States dollar, which fetched 500,000 yuan in bank vouchers at 10 a.m., fell to 5,500,000 in 10 minutes.

With the Communists reported to be attacking Kunshan, a village 33 miles away, and the industrial plants still struggling to find some way of paying their workers, it is impossible to foresee the result of the new order, but it obviously a measure of great desperation. During this weller of activity it became known that the official Government Central Bank had moved its headquarters to Canton from Shanghai and will henceforth operate from the Southern city.

Unless the Garrison by terror means can stabilise the scarce and skyrocketing silver dollar to which prices now have attached themselves—it appears that only two things are left to be done. Businesses and industries will have to operate on foreign currencies if they can get them, or they will have to try operating by barter, paying wages and collecting revenues in foodstuffs or something of intrinsic value.

Whether that can be done in this huge industrial city nobody knows.

Employers Frantic

At mid-morning, industrial managers were trying frantically to pay their employees with something the employers could use. Some tried to pay a part in silver dollars and a part in yuan bank drafts which were miserably discounted—as much as 50 per cent—some were using up small deposits of "United States currency" and some were trying to gather together food to pay off in food.

The big employers with thousands of employees were at their wit's end. So far there has been no serious rioting but the tenor of the remarks that the boss is trying to pay them and they also realise the boss does not have anything to use for money.

As both the military and industrial situation grows more menacing, the "rescue" foreigners are concentrating in buildings which seem to offer some sanctuary. Many Americans sacrificed their flats and moved into single rooms of the American Club building in the centre of the city.

Soldiers Move In
Many foreigners moved out of their hotels and apartments as soldiers, police and Garrison troops moved in. Building managers were frantic. Chinese soldiers, who never had been in a modern building before,

rode up and down lifts like children. Others took five or six not-water showers a day, draining tanks and increasing building costs to which the authorities contributed nothing.

There are machine-guns in the lobbies and troops are quartered 10 or 12 to a room and nobody seems to know how long they will stay or whether more will be coming and what is their purpose.

In spite of all this, the city has an outward appearance of calmness. There are no mobs, riots or demonstrations. —Associated Press.

MISSION GOES TO KWEILIN

Canton, May 2.

Progress towards healing the current rift between the Kuomintang left and right wings was made today when the party's Central Executive Committee despatched a three-man delegation to Kweilin to persuade Acting President Li Tsung-jen to come to the new capital of Canton and resume his office.

An adviser to Acting President Li Tsung-jen told Reuter that he believes the Acting President will agree to the request, and will arrive in Canton in a few days' time.

The long-standing breach between the wings of the party was widened further recently when agreement could not be obtained on the methods of achieving peace with the Communists. When Acting President Li Tsung-jen's bid for peace failed, he returned to his native Kwangsi and the Cabinet came to Canton.

Observers believe that the Central Executive Committee's decision to send a delegation to Kweilin will make it possible for General Li Tsung-jen to resume his post in Canton without loss of face.

The personnel of the party was confirmed at a meeting this morning and comprises Marshal Yen Hui-shan, recent defender of Taiyuan, Mr. Yu Yu-jen, former President of the Judicial Yuan, and Mr. Li Wen-fan, influential Kuomintang Elder Statesman.

The Committee originally appointed General Wu Te-cheng, former Deputy Premier, as a member of the delegation, but he declined.

The delegation left this afternoon, accompanied by General Pui Chung-hsi, Nationalist Central China Commander and a close supporter of Acting President Li Tsung-jen. —Reuter-AAP.

STRIKE AT KAI TAK

Certain members of Cathay Pacific Airways' technical staff at Kai Tak went on strike early yesterday morning. The strikers are asking for salary increases and improved working conditions.

PREMIER ON RIVER INCIDENT

London, May 2.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Parliament today that the British Naval Commanding Officer, the Far East could, if he desired, have had his ship or the passage of British warships up the River Yangtze after the Communist attack on the sloop Amethyst last month.

But he did not, and the Prime Minister said he supported it in that decision.

Amethyst was carrying out a peaceful mission in accordance with a practice which had been carried on for some time, Mr. Attlee said.

"There was no question of forcing a passage of the Yangtze," he added.

Mr. Attlee, who was replying to a barrage of Opposition questions, said that the nearest Royal Air Force fighter aircraft was 2,000 miles away in Malaya, to 48 hours' transit.

Earl Winterton had asked if it is not right that, when ships are sent on a dangerous mission in a war area to provide them with all possible protection.

Vice-Admiral Ernest Tait, Conservative, suggested that, while "situation" altered, immediately Amethyst was attacked, "an act of piracy" was necessary.

Mr. Attlee replied that Commanding Officer on the sloop judged that the right thing to do was to send the ship up as soon as possible in the hope that it would be able to get Amethyst off under peaceful conditions. —Reuter.

CHIANG STILL IN SHANGHAI

Canton, May 2.

The "Chien Kuo Evening" said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still in Shanghai, personally directing the defence of the city. No confirmation is available from Government sources here. —Associated Press.

Amethyst Assured Of Safety

Singapore, May 2.

HMS Amethyst has been assured of safety in her present location by messengers apparently from local Communist forces who said, however, that it will be dangerous at the present time to move towards Shanghai.

This was revealed by a high British naval authority here today.

He added that Amethyst will remain in her present safe place until she can move without endangering more lives. The spokesman is convinced that the Chinese Communist attack on Amethyst on April 22 was not deliberate.

The informant told a news conference that he believes the attack was caused by lack of discipline among Chinese Communist forces lining the banks of the Yangtze River, by excitement among the troops.

Communist charges that the British sloop fired first were deliberately false, this source said, adding that British movements in the river had been neutral and subordinate engagements with three other British warships involved in the incident cost 42 British lives.

The spokesman said there is no intention of sending any more British ships up the Yangtze to Nanking until it is ascertained that there will be no further attacks. British subjects still in the

CANTON RUMOUR OF NEW MONEY

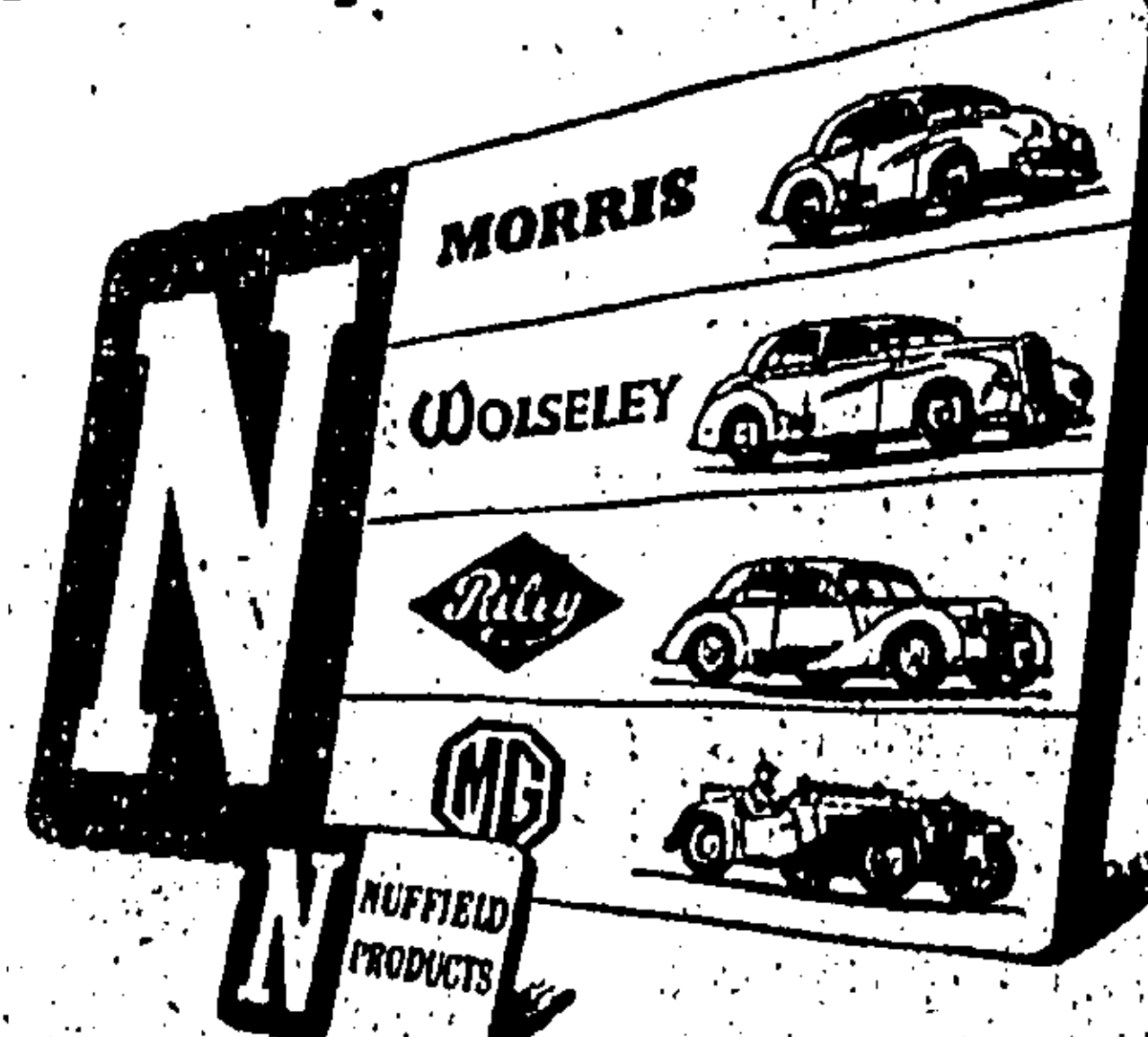
Canton, May 2.

Silver-backed dollar bills in \$1, \$5 and \$10 denominations will be ready for circulation here within a month, Chinese reports said.

The new silver-backed bills, printed by a publishing house in Hong Kong, are reported to be signed by Hsu Kan, former Finance Minister, and S. Y. Liu, Governor of the Central Bank of China.

The news of the new currency caused silver dollars to drop to HK\$77 to one from \$10 to one, which was the obtaining rate two days ago. —Associated Press.

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This composite picture shows scenes at the Kowloon Wharf yesterday when the Dutch liner Boissevain brought nearly 800 evacuees from Shanghai. ("China Mail" photos).

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KOWLOON FIRE INQUEST

The charred torso of Liu Pui, aged 42, was all that remained of her after the second disastrous fire at Tai Kok Tsui on April 4, when a large area of an industrial centre at Shumshuipo was burned out. This was revealed yesterday during the inquest into the death of Liu Pui and her five-month old grandson, Liu Kong, of whom the fire left no remains.

Only a set of false teeth, stated Chief Inspector Clarke of Shumshuipo conducting the proceedings, enabled the relatives of the dead woman to identify her.

After formal evidence had been heard relating to discovery of the body, post mortem and identification, Inspector Clarke called the last witness, Lai Mui, a woman who occupied the same premises as the victims.

Lai stated that she and her husband had a late meal on the night of the fire. Her husband was leaving for Shanghai the next morning.

The meal ended at about midnight. Her husband, witness continued, then had a bath in the kitchen.

In reply to a question by Mr. Blair-Kerr, witness stated specifically that the fire in the kitchen was put out before the place was tidied up.

Continuing, witness said that she went to bed at 2.30 a.m. and her husband, half an hour later. They were awakened at 5 a.m. by alarm bells and police whistles and discovered that the premises were on fire.

Their total loss, stated witness, amounted to some \$8,000 and was not covered by insurance.

The verdict of Mr. Blair-Kerr: "Death by misadventure."

Claim On Goods Sold

An action for a claim in the sum of HK\$12,240 for goods sold and delivered was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiffs, the Man Kuen Cotton Underwear Knitting Company, first floor, claim that the sold sum is the balance due for goods sold to Messrs. L. G. Utam of 506 Chung Tin Building, on April 28, 1948, under written contracts.

The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ and Stewart. The defendants being defended by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi on the instructions of Mr. M. A. de Silva.

K. C. Khamani, manager for the defendant's firm in Hong Kong, admits that the goods were delivered to him by plaintiffs, but claims that the balance of purchase price was paid to the plaintiffs on April 20, 1948. The said claim, he further claims, was paid to the plaintiffs and was being paid to him by the plaintiffs on April 20, 1948. He denied a suggestion from Mr. Clifford that he had forged a receipt purporting to have been received from the plaintiffs on April 20, 1948.

Further evidence was given by the defendant and some of his witnesses, hearing was adjourned until this morning.

Kai Tak's Record Week

Last week's Kai Tak traffic was about 3,000 people heavier than usual.

In an average week approximately 5,000 people pass through the airport. Last week the figure was just over 1,100. Over 4,700 passengers arrived and some 3,475 left. It is estimated that about 1,600 of the over 4,700 arrivals were from Shanghai. Three quarters were Chinese.

IAPS PASS THROUGH HONG KONG

To the 20 Japanese repatriates aboard the French freighter Montain there are still about 2,500 miles more before they say to one another—at last, it's all over.

Prisoners of war at Saigon since the liberation, the group consists of two consuls, a civilian administrator and 20 soldiers and gendarmes, who are being sent back to Japan by the French Government.

The Montain left the Colony last night for Japan, after discharging her cargo here. The Japanese were not permitted to land.

Heading the fifth batch of Japanese repatriates from Indo-China is Colonel Kinoshita Takeo, formerly of the 10th Imperial Army, operating in the Indo-China theatre.

"There are still about 50 Japanese POWs, who are appearing as witnesses at the trials. They will be repatriated probably within a few months," he declared.

The repatriates are being looked after by the French Government until their disembarkation on Japanese soil, when each will be on his own.

Miniature Menagerie In Kowloon

Along with the arrival of ss. Mui Hock in the Colony from Bangkok yesterday came some jungle cargo.

Landed at the Kowloon Godown are eight elephants, 12 crocodiles, monkeys and cobras. The menagerie is here in transit to San Francisco, where their home will be in a zoo.

The elephants, weighing between 20 and 30 cwts, are all not older than 10 years. But they consume a lot for their age.

Daily 300 lbs of cane sugar are fed to them as well as bananas and peanuts.

The animals are awaiting the arrival of a President line ship to take them to the States.

Hotel Managers Give Evidence

The managers of the Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels gave evidence in a case at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The case concerns C. H. Chaves, aged 60, who is charged with obtaining money by false pretences from two Chinese tailors.

The prosecution alleged that defendant received \$580 from complainants for entertaining the managers of the three hotels in order to obtain a contract for making uniforms.

The hotel managers, Mr. Joseph Henrich, Mr. A. K. Diamond and Mr. L. Gaddi, said that they had never seen defendant before. Mr. Diamond said that he had never seen defendant's last name.

The three managers all testified that managers do not order uniforms for the staff. In case, additional uniforms are needed they make a requisition to the head office and the purchasing department then place the order.

Ng Yiu-chau, complainant, testifying said that he gave defendant \$100 for entertainment because he relied on defendant's promise that if the business did not go through he would give him back the money.

He admitted that defendant could have cheated him when he wrote the O.C. note since he body in his shop knew English.

Speaking on behalf of defendant, Mr. Griffiths challenged the prosecution, saying that nobody in the court after hearing the evidence, could find one instance of misrepresentation of facts in this case.

He said that the money was given to defendant only because he promised that it would be repaid if the business failed to go through.

Hearing was adjourned until May 4.

Evacuees Glad To Leave Shanghai

The women leaving Shanghai these days have some very definite views on what is happening and why. The only trouble is that hardly anyone asks for them.

Yesterday the "China Mail" left the brief-case luggage to themselves and concentrated on the nylon sorority.

"Shanghai is hell!" exclaimed our first young lady, a pretty Portuguese girl on her way to Macao from Shanghai. Economic conditions were almost impossible, she declared, with prices appallingly high and getting higher. The American dollar yesterday morning was worth seven silver dollars, she added.

"Besides that, I don't think the Chinese want us there any more," she continued. "So most of us are getting out."

Shanghai has a population of about 1,800 Portuguese. Many, like this girl, were born and raised there. Arrangements are being made for those desiring to evacuate to Macao to do so.

"Why it's going to seem awfully quiet," remarked the Portuguese evacuee. "All my friends are in Shanghai and Hong Kong, and I won't be able to come up here much till I've established residence in Macao, which takes nearly three months, I believe."

Not Comfortable

Another well-dressed young lady was going further away than Macao. She was accompanying her husband, who is a banker, to Manila.

"I didn't want to leave Shanghai," confessed this vivacious Chinese girl. "All my relatives are still there and I've lived there all my life."

Practically the only Chinese leaving Shanghai were those who somehow felt that they might suffer under the new regime, she said. That included Government officials, military leaders, a few tycoons—and bankers.

Shanghai, however, is not a comfortable place these days. In addition to the economic difficulties and the pressure of the city's military rule, other problems were developing.

"The sewers are no good," she explained. "Since they've ordered the little boats out of the Soochow Creek, no collections of refuse have been made. It's very bad for the city."

A tall, shapely British girl, secretary to a Shanghai firm, did not have many words to waste on Shanghai. She was just plain glad to go.

"I'm going home—and I'm going to stay there," she asserted and turned her attention again to her luggage.

Looking cool and collected in the midst of the general upheaval, she was just plain glad to go.

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Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Mrs. A. M. Sneider, Mrs. M. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. H. Yuen, Messrs. T. C. Hwao, A. Lee, W. E. White, W. Rae-Smith, H. T. Chung, H. B. Hinkle, H. T. Smith, R. A. Pearson, J. G. Tamm, F. L. Stride, R. Webster, J. F. Sheppard, W. P. Graham, W. Oliver, and Han Vogt.

Among the week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. E. Beller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clark, Miss S. C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shang, Mrs. C. M. Harlow, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thaman, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. O. Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ledroit, Mrs. U. H. Barrington, Messrs. G. Olmo, J. C. Porter, F. McMillen, A. Huber, E. M. Lind, R. M. D. Aime, E. S. Euga, K. Narain, A. S. Tripp, F. L. Lee, and T. C. Chao.

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HARRY POLLITT EXCELS HIMSELF

Wembley, May 2.

The Communist leader, Mr. Harry Pollitt, said last night that the Communists would make "useful citizens" out of the Royal Family if they ever take over Britain.

At a May Day rally here, Mr. Pollitt said: "Not a hair on the head of the Royal Family will be harmed. But we intend to make useful citizens of them."—United Press.

EXHIBITION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

A three-day exhibition, sponsored by the Hong Kong Council of Social Services, will open on Friday to show the public how money contributed to charity is being spent.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will formally open the exhibition at 12.30 p.m. at the former Anti-Malaria Office, Statue Square (entrance at the Public Relations Office).

The exhibition will include some 200 photographs showing the various types of work undertaken by social welfare organizations, the institutions and the people involved.

Demonstrations and special performances will be held daily at 3.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. There will include Chinese folk dances, shadow boxing, and film shows.

Fifty-one different organizations will participate in the three-day exhibition.

Admission is free.

Many Chinese

The Boissevain brought 780 passengers for Hong Kong, including 268 women and 199 children.

Most of the Chinese arrivals were Cantonese returning to their native province. They have brought with them their families and entire belongings.

"There were many warships of the Chinese Navy in the Whangpo River and the Dutch liner dipped her flag to each one," a doctor said. Fifteen schools had been closed and two Municipal hospitals were suspended through lack of funds.

Divisional Superintendent (Kowloon City) G. Leys was in charge of the Evacuation Operation.

Kwangtung Britons Told To Evacuate

(Continued from Page 1)

More aid for the defence of Central China is reported to have been promised General Li Chung-hai at a conference of military leaders in Canton. The more aid pledged to Li Chung-hai's right hand man came from Chiang Kai-shek's Premier, Ho Ying-chin.

General Pal told reporters that Hankow will be defended to the last. Observers here predict, however, that General Pal's forces in Hankow—what few there are—will be forced to move South should the Reds swing Westward toward the Hankow-Canton railroad. That railroad is General Pal's only escape route back to his native Kwangtung province. Already the main part of General Pal's heavy equipment has gone South to Hengyang in Hunan.

Hupei Loyal

General Pal reported that Hunan and Hupei provinces are solidly behind the Central authorities in resisting Communist aggression.

General Pal made this statement in the face of assertions by the Hunan Governor, Cheng Chien-shan, last month that he would do everything in his power to prevent the Central Government from bringing the war to Hunan. Lieutenant General Wang Hsiang-hua, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Hankow Command, who came to Canton with General Pal, told reporters that Red General Lin Biao has about 100,000 troops outside of Hankow pitted against a superior number of Government forces behind entrenched positions.

Government troops spread over a 200-mile front from Ichang to Chichang are estimated at 200,000 by Central military observers.

General Pal is to proceed to Kweilin in Kwangsi—Houder and Associated Press.

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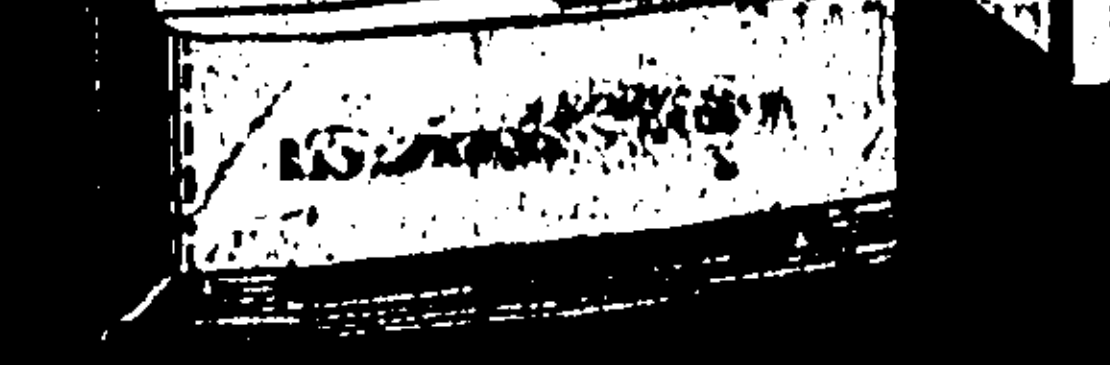
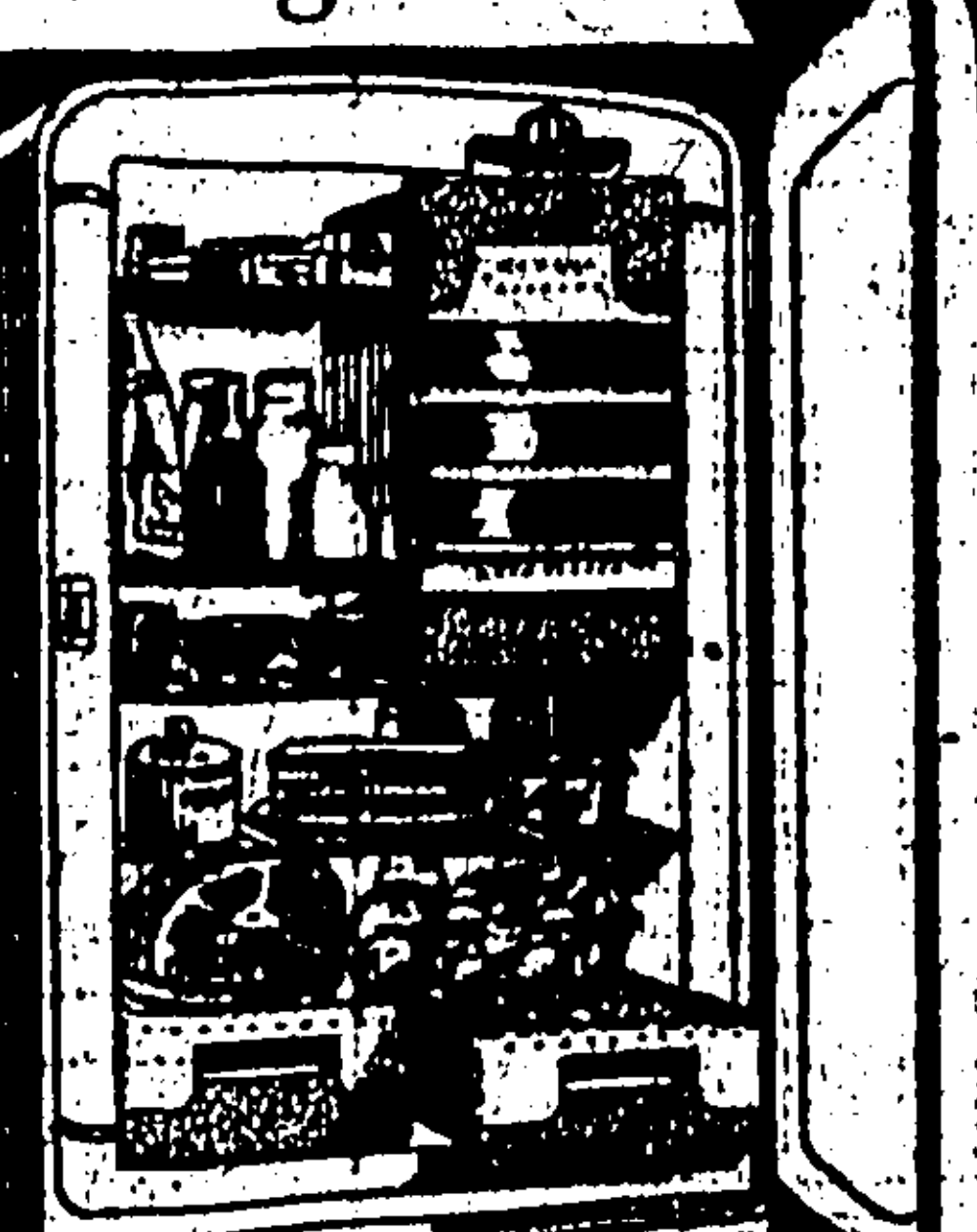
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Sacked Conductor's Story In Court

The hearing of the "Tramway Case," in which 14 Tramway inspectors and a conductor are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Company by permitting the re-sale of old and used tickets, continued before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Eleven of the defendants are defended by Mr. M. A. da Silva and three by Mr. P. C. Woo.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. John McNeill instructed by Mr. P. A. L. Vine. Wong Ah Sang said that he was a conductor and had since been dismissed. He joined the firm in September 1947.

One day in February, 1948, he had two old tickets in his hand while on duty and when in-

spector Ho Yau boarded the train and made an inspection, the tickets were found on him. Ho Yau reported him to the office for not collecting tickets.

Wong said that he was asked by Ho Yau to join the "Water Buffalo." He was told that if money were to be paid to inspectors he would not be molested.

Wong said that he could do nothing but pay and he gave \$40 to Chen Sang at No. 52 Lockhart Road, third floor. Wong said that he had already made the payment before he was reported.

He said that he was caught red-handed at the time with the tickets in his hand and had no time to speak to the Inspector. The tram was crowded.

Wong was cross-examined by Mr. Silva at length and the case was then adjourned till today.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, May 4, 1949 at 12 noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1949, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 28 to May 4, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 14, 1949.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 308, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 19th May, 1949, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 10th May, 1949 to the 19th May, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. G. CRAIG, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, April 29, 1949.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG

SESSION 1948/1949
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are reminded of the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Jacobson Room of the Hong Kong Hotel at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, the 4th May.

Tea will be served from 5 p.m.

Time permitting, the meeting will be followed by a showing of cinematograph films of engineering interest.

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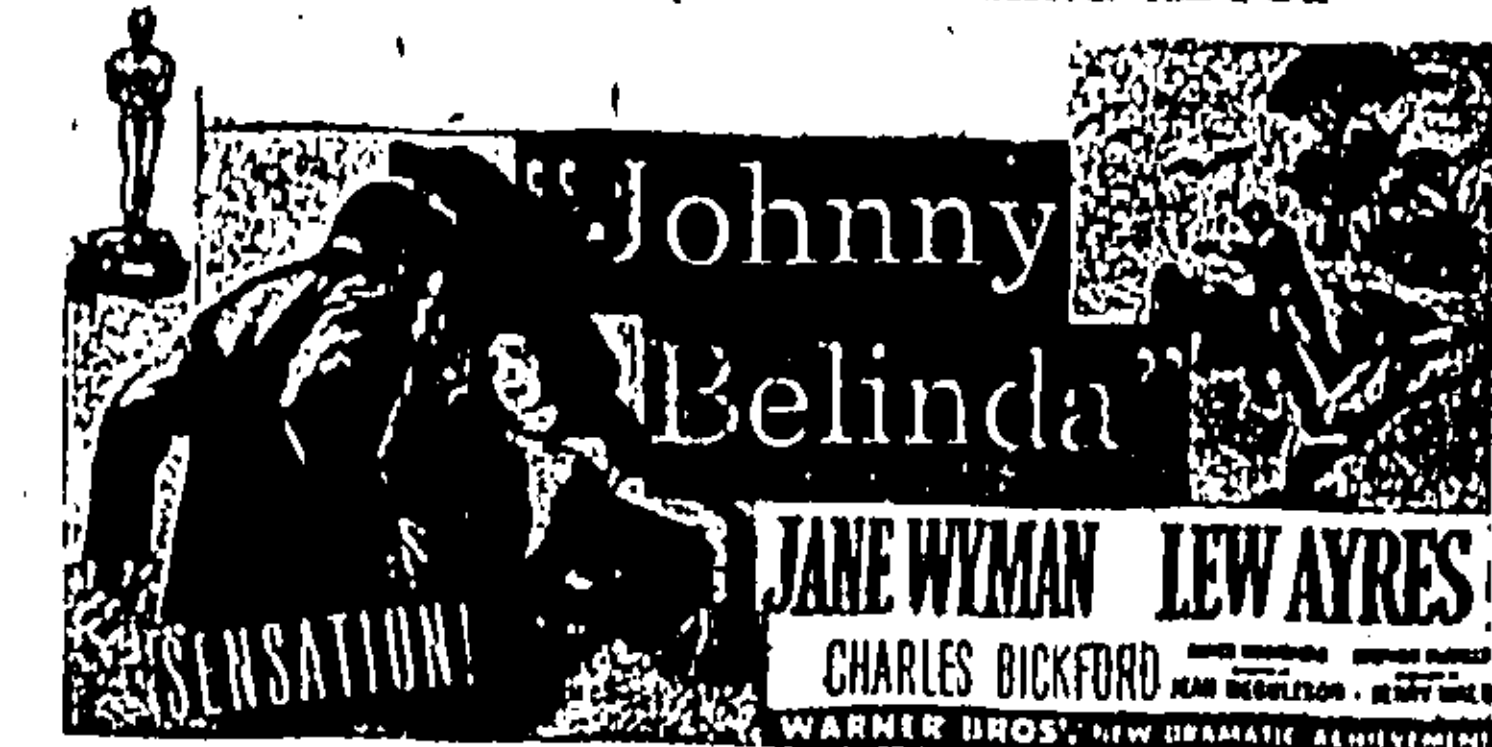
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THE PRINCE WHO LOVED TOO MUCH

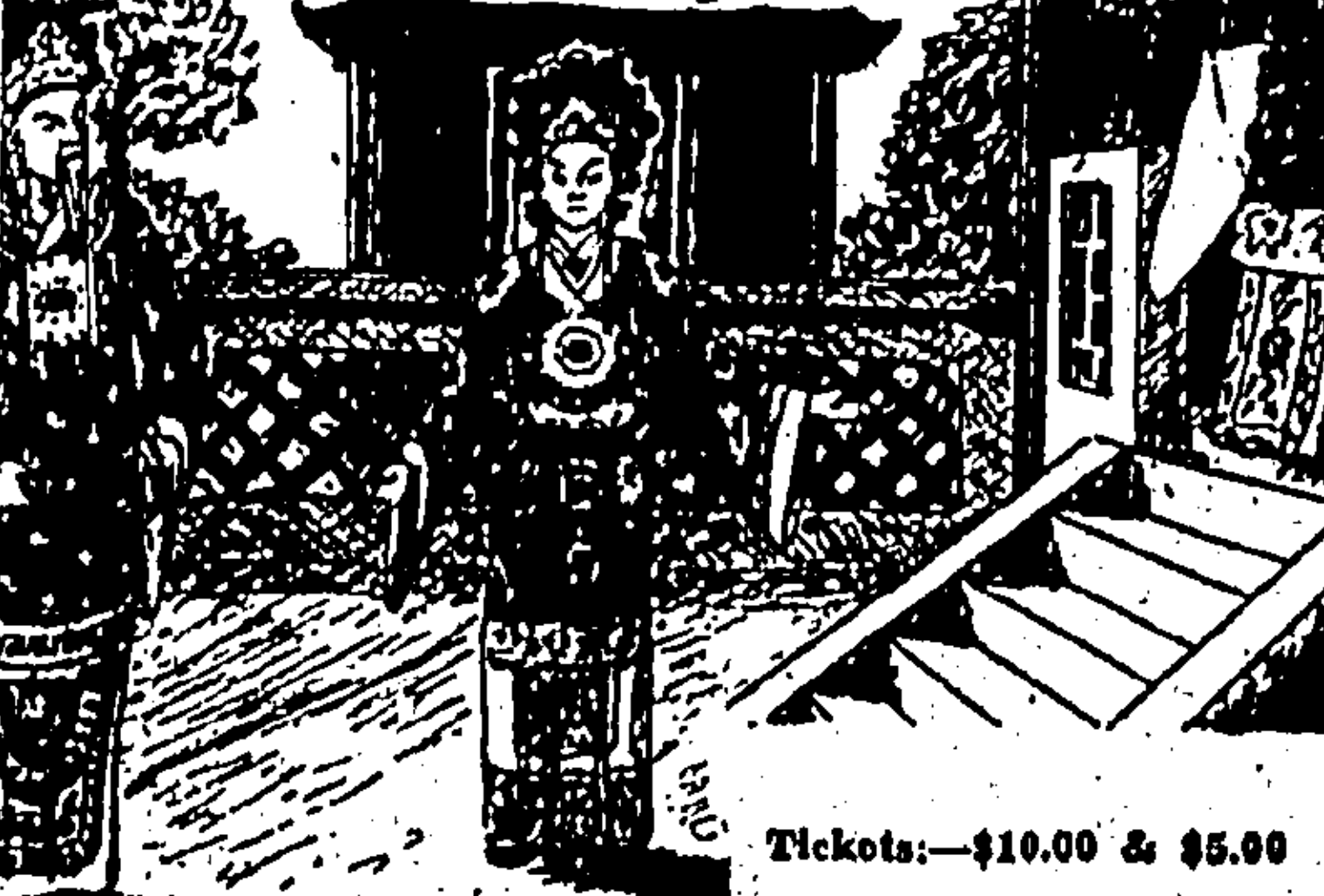
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By Dick Turner



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By Shepard Barclay

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SUIT REBID A SIGN-OFF

AMONG the players everywhere, the rebid of a suit, opposite the first bidder of the pair, is considered a warning that the hand may be inadequate for any purpose except if it be played with that suit as the trump. Sel-dom then is the first member of the pair justified in going forward with constructive bidding, toward reaching a game contract, unless he has some kind of substantial values in excess of what he showed with his earlier action.

S 10 5
H K Q 8 3
D A J 4
C A 8 5 4
S K Q 9
H 5
D 9 8 7 3
C K Q 6

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North East South West
Pass 1 NT Pass 2 S
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 S

East did not have a chance to make that contract against the sound defence he received. South opened the fourth-best of his partner's heart suit, the Q being taken by the A. The spade A, K and Q were scored and a fourth spade given up to South, who returned the heart 10 to the K, and the next heart knocked out East's last stopper. Having to reach dummy, he led a club toward the

Q, but the A won it for the defenders' fourth trick, and two diamond tops set the contract two tricks.

East required a bit more than the minimum for a 1-No Trump overall in order to have his second bid of 2-No Trumps be sound. He was miles away from enough for his third bid of 3-No Trumps after West showed probable weakness with his spade rebid.

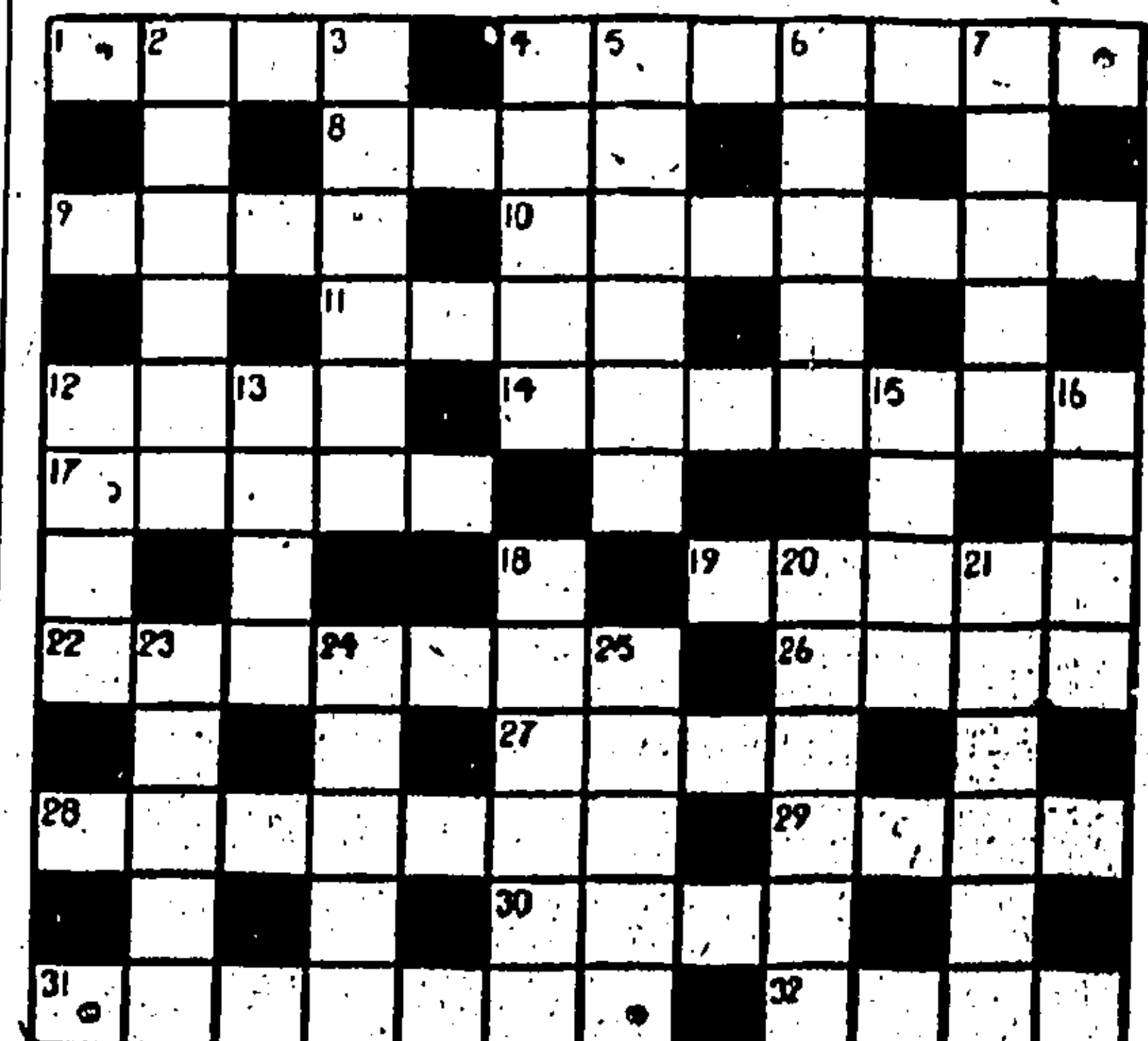
Even the first No Trump call by East was on skimpy values, justified perhaps solely by the fact that North had bid his best suit. But it was risky stuff, since his own shortest suit, spades, was what West would be most likely to hold.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K J 8 5 3
H 7
D K J 2
C 8 6 5 3
S A 9 8 4
H 9 8 4
D 9 8 3
C K Q J 4

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)
What bidding would you expect fine players to do after West opens this deal with 1-Heart?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 1 Excuse.
- 4 Codices.
- 8 Ditch.
- 9 Branch.
- 10 Delect.
- 11 Legal-right.
- 12 Withered.
- 14 Hermit.
- 17 Commerce.
- 19 Keen.
- 22 Violent.
- 24 Fashen.
- 27 Tidy.
- 28 Eastaway.
- 29 Vase.
- 30 Revive.
- 31 Hundred.
- 32 Whirlpool.

Down

- 2 Linger.
- 3 Strolled.
- 4 Journal.
- 5 Made reparation.
- 6 Part of a flower.
- 7 Wanders.
- 12 Pace.
- 13 Knocks.
- 15 Press.
- 16 Nobleman.
- 18 Consider.
- 20 Shrewd.
- 21 Merited.
- 23 Solitary.
- 24 Walk pompously.
- 25 Necessitous.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Mischief, 5 Relax, 8 Haven, 9 Devour, 10 Bludge, 11 Major, 12 Route, 13 Roalin, 16 Tosted, 18 Krodes, 20 Elder, 22 Doom, 23 Ambler, 25 Cease, 26 Rivals, 27 Onset, 28 Slant, 29 Delect.

DOWN—1 Moderate, 2 Savour, 3 Arum, 4 Paraded, 5 Resorts, 6 Entree, 7 Angel, 14 Advocate, 15 Marmoset, 16 Torment, 17 Severed, 19 Reason, 21 Ideal, 24 Rite.

HUNAN AREAS UNDER CONTROL OF BANDITS

She Just Can't Resist Shops

Paris, May 1. A 64-year-old veteran woman shop-lifter, who was taken to prison for the 49th time today, when the police caught her walking out of a Paris store with a sun blind she had "forgotten" to pay for.

She told the police that she was glad to go back to the Petite-Roquette prison for women, because she had known it since she was 17 and the director had consideration for her.—Reuter.

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Canton, May 2.
A great portion of Hunan province in Central China—which is likely to become the next battleground as the Communists push Southward—already is in confusion with large areas under the control of independent bandit chiefs.

The few ill-equipped Nationalist troops are unable to maintain order and there have been demonstrations in the provincial capital of Changsha. This is the report brought here by members of mission groups and teachers of the Yale-in-China Middle School at Changsha, who said they had been advised to leave by Chinese associates.

They said the Governor has virtually lost control of large areas in Hunan and the Nationalist troops stationed there—the bulk of them ill-equipped and badly trained—are unable to keep order. The only good troops are a select group belonging to Governor Chen Chen's personal guard.

Travel to the Western part of the province is dangerous, with much of the highway under the control of local bandits. The Hunan-Kweichow-Kweichow railway, which leads Westward from Hengyang, is still operating, however.

The evacuees said that if Hunan becomes a battlefield it will have grave repercussions on China's food supply. The province, known as "China's Rice Bowl," has hundreds of thousands of tons of rice which will be ready for harvest within the next two months, and which is in danger of being destroyed should any large-scale fighting take place.

All classes of Chinese are definitely against any fighting for control of the province. At the same time, they say that the Governor is powerless either to fight or to surrender.

Plan To Fight?

His own troops cannot fight, but if General Pai Chung-hsi, commander of the Central China front at Hanhow, should elect to fight in Hunan, the Governor would be unable to make separate peace.

Evidence that the Government may be planning to make a stand in Hunan was given by William Knapp and Max Carter, teachers at the Yale-in-China Middle School. They said the plan by which they left Changsha had brought in silver for payment to the troops, and that the same plan was used at Canton airport by trucks loaded with more silver for shipment North.

The teachers said the student demonstrations, which have been almost continuous during April, apparently were inspired by Communist propagandists. They were directed against the Nationalist Government and also against "American imperialism, war mongering and the Atlantic Pact."

The students originally began demonstrating after the Nanjing incident of April 1, in which a student was killed. A huge demonstration over the reported killing of another student later proved false—which was to have included working class representation, was a dud when the workers and many students failed to appear.

Red Propaganda

Hunan Provincial University, which furnished leadership for the demonstrations and strikes, has had classes only 10 days during the present term, the evacuees reported.

Many mission representatives in Hunan also are reluctantly preparing to leave. Karl Stange, YMCA secretary in Changsha, said he had come out at the insistence of colleagues there.

Hollywood Looking For Brainy Mule

Hollywood, May 1.
A film studio today launched a nationwide search for a talented mule. Universal International said the winner will get the biggest role ever given an animal.
The film is about a talking mule which saved the Army command in Burma. Talent scouts are searching through mule stamping grounds in four States and the studio has asked permission for screen tests of Army mules.—United Press.

Tremendous Event For The Empire

Hull, May 1.
Lord Strabolgi, Labour Member of the British House of Lords, today said that India's decision to stay in the British Commonwealth is a tremendous event.

He told a May Day Labour demonstration here that the whole basis of the British Commonwealth has been altered in keeping the link and the Crown as the link but permitting Dominions like India to choose entirely their own form of government.

"If we had had that in 1921 we need never have lost Ireland," he said.
He is not without hope that Ireland and Burma will return to the Commonwealth. He added that he also wants to see Israel within the British Empire on the same terms as India.—Reuter.

GERMANS BUILD "BABY" CAR

Hamburg, May 1.
The first German "baby" car to be built since the war is a two-seater with an air-cooled 250-c.c. engine in the rear and a gasoline consumption claimed to be 80 miles to the gallon.
It will sell at £180. The maximum speed is 38 miles an hour, and it is called "The Champ."—Reuter.

Queen Takes Home Husband's Ashes

Southampton, May 2.

Ex-Queen Rhambai Barni of Siam left here today for home in the 21,000-ton liner Willem Ruys after 14 years' exile in Britain.

She took with her the ashes of her husband, Prajadhipok, Prince of Siam, who died in 1935. He died in England in 1935.

The ex-Queen's standard was flown from the liner's yard-arm. Princess Rhambai Barni is 42. She was received by the Queen at Buckingham Palace early in April.

The bronze casket containing the ex-Queen's ashes was carried on board by Colonel Svasti, the Queen's brother, who was preceded by a Royal Household official carrying the late King's Buddhist which he took with him when he and the Queen left Siam in 1934 for a grand European tour.

The casket and Buddha were placed on a pedestal in an ante-room to the Queen's cabin where they will remain during the voyage.

They will ultimately be placed in the Royal Palace at Bangkok. Before the liner sailed, members of the Siam household and Embassy officials paid homage to the ex-Queen in the ship's library.—Reuter.

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NATIONALISATION OF ARGENTINE INDUSTRY

Buenos Aires, May 1.

President Juan Peron today announced that all public utilities not already owned by the Government will be nationalised under the new Argentine constitution.

President Peron, delivering the "state of the nation" message at the opening session of the Congress, said that utilities will be taken over by amicable agreement if possible, but will be expropriated when their owners refuse to accept reasonable solutions.

The enterprises to be taken over include all those which, due to their own particular nature, must be operated only to serve the community without the aim of profit. He mentioned transportation, power facilities, telephone and telegraph services, waterworks, sanitary installations etc.

The President did not refer directly to the remaining foreign-owned public facilities in Argentina which are relatively few, but it is presumed that they will be affected equally with the enterprises owned by Argentine private interests.

President Peron promised that the nationalisation of public utilities implies no limitation or restriction whatsoever on private initiative, whose contribution in the industrial, commercial or financial field is most necessary to the development of every organised and democratic nation.

Falklands Claim

Article 40 of the new constitution approved by a convention dominated by President Peron's supporters authorises the expropriation of public utilities.

Today's announcement was the first clear indication of the use Peron plans to make of his new powers.

Another portion of his speech was devoted to foreign relations pledging Argentina to friendship to all other American nations and reiterating Argentina's demand to press her claims in the Antarctic, particularly to the Falkland Islands.—United Press.

AFRICAN FLOODS

Casablanca, May 1.
Floodwaters swept down the Eastern slopes of the Atlas Mountains today, destroying Arab villages, cattle herds and crops. The swollen Moulouya River carried away several of its bridges.

At Misset, a town between the Middle and Upper Atlas ranges, six Arabs were drowned. Damage in the Dester region of Marrakesh is estimated at about 100 million francs.—Reuter.

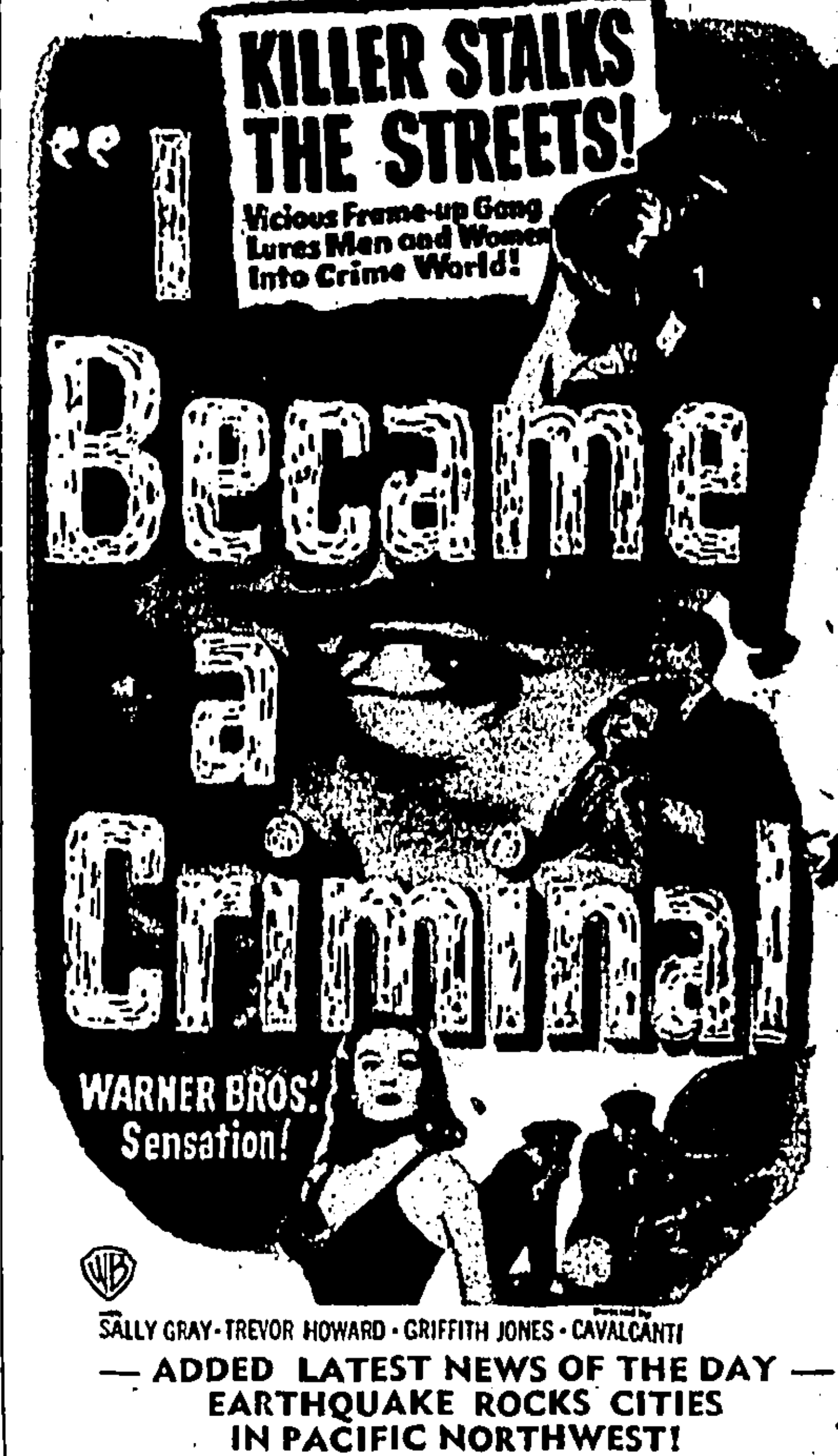
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NGAPORE	Monday	9th	"
ANILA	Wednesday	11th	"
NGKOK	Friday	13th	"
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LEWIS—Maria Everdina Vieira at her Residence No. 3 St. Joseph's Terrace, Hong Kong, on Monday 2nd May 1940. Funeral will take place at 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, 3rd May 1940. Singapore & Macao papers please copy.

MORE CURTAINS

For some time past news of the civil war in China has been sent to the world by correspondents in Shanghai. All too few went to the battlefronts (unlike their predecessors during the struggle with the Japanese) but even they had to route their despatches through the Yangtze metropolis. There was no restraint on news, once it had been obtained and sifted. Now all this has been changed.

Under martial law, the Shanghai Garrison informed the Press on Sunday evening that all news reports to local newspapers and also those sent abroad had to be submitted for censorship. On pain of severe penalties, all matter "detrimental to the anti-Communist war" or to co-operation between the army and the people, etc. must be suppressed. So the curtain goes down, and from now on until the situation changes we can expect, with few exceptions, to hear from the fighting zone only those items which the military bureaucrat thinks good for us.

The Communist broadcasts are, of course, being regularly received here, and it is truly remarkable how Mao and company have turned the devastated, hungry areas into happy places with well-fed, orderly, hard working, co-operative, hopeful, jubilant people having fits of overjoyed hysterics all over the place in their delight at being liberated.

While we are thrilled to know that the victorious People's Armies could thus change the entire scene overnight (e.g. Nanking is now a veritable paradise—we can show it to you in writing if you like), and to know that the new regime will raise this to undreamt-of heights of cheerful wellbeing in no time, an element of doubt may enter our unregenerate bourgeois minds. Some individuals we know even claim that the Red broadcasts compromise with the truth.

So we are left in rather a quandary, and those of us with friends in Shanghai have a more human reason than the rest for being perturbed about the future.

At the moment it almost looks as if the Communists are by-passing Shanghai, or at least leaving any major attack in reserve for the time being. Instead, the capture of Hangchow, a key point of the Nationalist defence line (if this exists) is expected shortly, which would cut off Shanghai from the rest of China, its only outside communication being by sea and air.

There has been discussion in knowledgeable quarters recently that the Reds may well postpone taking over the responsibility of running complex urban centres such as Shanghai and Canton until they have consolidated their gains in the rest of China. It is pointed out that they may be able to administer thinly-populated, semi-primitive provinces, but they lack the skilled staff necessary to ensure the smooth running of a great city. This may well be true, and it is just

FRANCO'S TROUBLES MAY BE GREAT BRITAIN'S AS WELL

We Puzzle The French

By WALTER FARR

The French, who have always had difficulty in understanding the British, find us these days more puzzling than ever.

They simply cannot understand why and how we are still putting up with austerity.

Over their enormous steaks and well-filled glasses they talk of the "Bretagne Incorruptible" the "Bretagne Incorruptible" the "Bretagne Incorruptible" and of how much longer we can possibly go on being incorruptible.

A British visitor arriving in a French restaurant gets stared at as if he had just landed from another planet. The reputation abroad of our austerity regime is such that anyone who has escaped from the island prison is expected to wolf down every bit of food within sight at the drop of a menu.

Small Eaters

The gapers are disappointed. Most of the British visitors eat and drink sparingly for two reasons. They feel that a plateful of meat and vegetables (a normal helping by pre-war standards) is at least three times too much for them; and the sterling regulations make it hard to foot the bill for what the French consider an ordinary restaurant meal.

Of the tourists pouring into Paris the British are easily the most economical eaters—and the least the biggest drinkers of champagne.

Popular drink with our visitors is the quarter-bottle of champagne—price five or six shillings. People who would not think of sitting down and drinking a bottle of champagne before a meal consume quite happily three or four quarter-bottles.

You can buy champagne in Britain, but let us explain it to the French, but somehow at home you feel guilty about it. Here it seems part of life itself.

Walking into Longchamp race-course, which, until recently, was half surrounded with cabbage and potato patches, you would not think that war even came this way except for the souls of the famous old Longchamp mill smashed by Allied bombs.

The Bois sporting clubs are building vast new dressing rooms. There is a new paint everywhere. At the Etoile—the crack riders' club—in the centre of the Bois, Mlle. Centre, France's teen-aged wonder rider, impresses the old horsemen daily with the ease of her jumping.

Lion's Courage

I asked the experts how such a young girl can master the difficult technique of jumping. "She is not afraid of anything," was the answer. "She has the courage of a lion." Who said there was anything wrong with French youth?

Paris clings affectionately, almost hysterically, to its pre-war stars. Most of the big names outside the music-halls and cabarets have been there for at least a quarter of a century.

In his latest hit song 60-year-old Maurice Chevalier sings about a girl at the Folies Bergere. "Her eyes are beautiful and the rest is so much better," Josephine Baker, still young-looking and sparkling, is bewitched every night at the Folies Bergere as "Mary Queen of Scots." She has taken to dressing in elaborate gowns, to the disappointment of sections of her audience.

Yvonne Printemps sings as sweetly and as youthfully as ever at the Mchodiere with Pierre Fresnay.

possible that some of the old treaty ports may remain intact in a Red wilderness for some time to come.

It is also an unknown factor whether the Communists could obtain the vast quantities of food and consumer goods needed by the coastal cities from abroad, in spite of the apparent willingness of British and even American firms to deal with them. For one thing, will there be enough gold and foreign exchange available? This brings up the long term question of rehabilitation of the ruined nation: loans are essential, and who will provide them?

It is a moot point, in any case, whether "face" reasons will prove too strong for any Chinese commander to bypass the great cities, with their host of "reactionaries," "war criminals," "foreign collaborators" etc. The next few weeks will tell, and we should be able to get some kind of a picture of events, even with the news dim-out.

By A Special Correspondent

Russian propagandists aver that the Americans are setting up military and air bases in Spain and are negotiating the establishment of "new strategic centres" (whatever they may be).

That I saw none of these bases in my flights and motor excursions, and evidence that they do not exist, for I travelled over a section only of the country. But, apart from the official denial of approaches from foreign Powers given in a recent article, it is hardly conceivable that the well informed people with whom I came into contact could have been unaware of such developments had they occurred.

Nevertheless a glance at the map shows that Western Europe cannot really be effectively united against the on-march of Communism if Spain remains apart.

Recognition of Spain by the U.S. and Britain and her admission to the United Nations must come in the not-far-distant future. That was the considered view of responsible members of foreign communities.

Indeed the inevitability of these developments was accepted without further to-do, and the questions addressed to me were: "Do you know who is to be Britain's new ambassador? Will it be So-and-so?"

Needs A Loan

General Franco needs a substantial loan, for he faces serious economic difficulties. State control of industry and business—bulk buying and selling—has brought acute problems in the immediate difficulties in the industrial field arise from a prolonged drought.

Industrially and domestically the life of Spain rests largely upon hydro-electric power. Yet today, with the hot dry summer season approaching, dams are down to about 25 per cent of their capacity.

Industries are reduced to working one day, and at the most two days a week. Note this—the owners of factories, works and mines have to pay a full week's wage to each employee.

In Madrid—and, indeed, in most parts of Spain—everything that comes to a standstill from sunrise to sunset. Those noble buildings of which I have spoken lost much of their nobility for me by the time my weary limbs had dragged themselves up eight floors to fulfil an appointment.

Water supplies, too, have been cut out about one of the 24. If this drought continues through April there will be a complete economic standstill.

Franks cannot be blamed for the weather—but obviously the drought must aggravate grievances and any unrest among his people.

Fear Of Change

How stands Franco today? All in all, I judged, quite well. The shadow of the bloodiest of civil wars remains over Spain. (Remember that more than 1,000,000 Spaniards died in three years of fratricidal warfare, a total greater than the casualties of the British Empire in the second World War).

The Regime is often criticised, but one senses that people are fearful of an upheaval which, it is produced, would lead only to a Communist dictatorship. And this is feared far more than a Franco dictatorship.

After all, the people say, there is not a repressive rule on the lines, for example, of Russia, and they do feel that Franco is trying to get the country on to a more level keel and endeavouring to improve the social services.

If there is no great efficiency in high places—the structure of government commanding industry and business, interwoven with syndicalism and party autonomy, appears unwieldy and unworkable to the visitor, from a land of free enterprise—at least, the Spaniard will tell you, with a resigned smile, that is in accordance with his country's history of uneasy government.

Three Props

The Franco Regime has three main props—the Army, the Church, and the Falangists. Neither Franco nor anyone else could last 24 hours. I was reminded, without the support of the Army, I cannot claim to have gained any authoritative information about this force—its political inclinations, its morale its equipment.

Nor am I qualified on the strength of this tour to speak on the Church and its attitude towards the State. The earnest religious observance of the average man, woman, and child is there for all to see.

I stood beneath the vast dome of San Francisco El Grande one Sunday and watched the many hundreds of people coming to and going from the main mass and the smaller services in the

Man Without A Job

By JOHN HALL

Half a cow-hell, grey, raw, lay on the table.

"That," said Mrs. Annie Davis, "is what it means if your man is out of a job today. My man is 'out' and that must do at least two meals. It's harder being 'out' now than it was pre-war. We know; we've known both."

Jim Davis, ex-docker, one of Britain's 340,000 unemployed, nodded. "I was on the dole in the 1930's and now I've been unemployed for the best part of a year," he said.

He threw a handful of unemployment cards on to the double bed which almost fills the Davis's 10s.-a-week bed-sitting-room in London's Shoreditch.

In 1939 the man out of a job drew 17s. a week unemployment pay, plus 10s. for his wife and 3s. for each child—27s. a week for a couple like Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who have no family.

Today the man out of a job gets 20s. week, plus 10s. for his wife and 7s. 6d. for the first child (other children qualify for the 5s.-a-week Family Allowance) but he can apply for a few extra shillings a week to help pay the rent.

It works out like this:

Married couple, no children, 40s. 6d. a week;

Married couple, one child, 40s. 6d. a week;

Married couple, two children, 51s. 6d. a week.

Pre-War Better

Housewife Mrs. Davis says: "We got along a lot better on that pre-war 27s. than we do now. Pre-war I could go to a second-hand shop and get a pair of shoes for 10s. now they ask anything between 15s. and 20s."

"Pre-war I could go to the market and for half-a-crown get an alchbone of beef that would provide us each with a bit of steak for Saturday dinner, give us a good meal on Sunday, and then another cold meal."

"Coal, gas, and electricity have all gone up so much that they're nearly luxuries."

Jim Davis took over: "Smokes and beer are just about out of reach, and they didn't used to be. Clothes are the worst thing, though. You can't afford to buy anything new and your missus has to patch and patch. Sit down and think how you'd like to get along on 42s. a week—26 bob if you're single."

"The shops don't have 'left-overs' to sell cheap these days. Everything to eat goes. The new Health Service doesn't make any difference, you know, because we always had Lloyd George, and anyway, neither of 'em has cured my bronchitis."

No Housing

A Scots building worker who travelled from Glasgow to London two weeks ago in search of a job explains: "I was in that 31s. 6d.-a-week category, but we just couldn't get through, so I scraped together the fare to London."

With the country crying out for houses, it'll surprise most people to know that thousands of building workers are out of jobs (latest Ministry of Labour returns show 36,695 building trades workers unemployed).

But remember the million who died by their brother's hand. Remember the million anarchists and the million members of the General Trade Union. Their organisations are prohibited now. Yet, while many of these men may have adjusted themselves to the new regime, it is obvious that the more fanatically-minded will be planning for trouble.

Down in Catalonia, in the Llançars of Spain, members of the Falange have been murdered in recent weeks. Among tourists travelling in that region with Swiss passports was, according to a Regional authority, a Russian Lieutenant-colonel who had been in touch with an underground movement.

These may, or may not, be straws in the wind. It was suggested to me that the authorities rejected any Communist activity as gains as possible in order for the present regime.

Allowing for the possibility of all such manoeuvres, certain fundamental points do remain:—That if Spain's economic position worsens, as seems almost inevitable now, there could be another upheaval in the Peninsula.

Any upheaval, which the Communists would do their utmost to foment, would assuredly have repercussions in Italy and France and thus undermine the European solidarity which has been built up with so much difficulty.

Can Britain and the U.S. continue to treat Spain as an outcast among the nations, and allow the trouble-makers full rein behind the Western European barriers against Communism?



The mysterious creature seen in a crate at Kak Tak "with a long body like a crocodile and a flat head like a fish," which had everyone guessing, may of course have been the missing Kuomintang travelling incognito.

Isn't it clever of the new hotels to find all those telephones? Do tell....

Those week-end weather predictions of "fine and warm" turned out to be rather a wetter production.

Somebody sitting in Amoy is not going to be Queen of the May this year.

Restoration comedies are said to be "bawdy, decadent and unfit for public presentation." Seems they should be re-stored.

Incidentally, has anyone ever worked out why Europeans shield their expensive suitings with \$2.50 Chinese paper umbrellas when rains and folks sport those black silk efforts specially imported from London?

Mr. Gammans is going to ask the Prime Minister what steps have been taken to safeguard Hong Kong against internal disorder.

Well, as a start the British community has been forbidden to carry arms.

All we really need to keep the Reds out is an Iranghli line along the frontier with the at-tested 20 manning it in force.

The Foreign Office in London "does not know where the Kuomintang is at the moment." Even if it can't be seen, it is however still recognised.

British Berlin river traffic was got under way by forceful occupation of three canal locks. Barging in?

The Hangchow train has failed to arrive in Shanghai. It is suspected (a) that the Reds have cut the line, or (b) the crew are doing a little back and forth commuting for their private account, or (c) it has been kidnapped by black marketeers and sold for scrap.

"No Key Money" signs are beginning to appear in Shanghai house-toilet advertisements. Hong Kong landlords disdain such panicky measures.

Royal Academicians shocked BBC listeners with their oaths and curses in a dispute over the merits of Picasso and Matisse. The painters were modern but the language was old-fashioned.

The theatrical producer was giving an audition to a man with a new act. Producing a puppy from his pocket, the man placed it on the piano, whereupon the puppy calmly proceeded to play an aria from "La Boheme."

"Wonderful," said the producer, "I'll give you £200 a week."

"But that's not all," chirped in the bloke, producing a parrot from another pocket. The bird, fluffing its feathers, sang clearly to the puppy's accompaniment.

Almost speechless by now, the producer managed to bring out an offer of "£400 a week."

"Er, thank you," said the man, "but in all honesty I must tell you that this act's a bit of a cheat. You see, the parrot can't sing. The puppy's a ventriloquist."

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TRAFALGAR SQUARE MAY DAY CLASHES: COMMIES MOBBED

INCIDENT AT LONDON EMBASSY

London, May 1. Nine young demonstrators believed to be Communists chained and padlocked themselves to the railings of the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, May 1, to night, and shouted anti-American slogans and distributed leaflets.

An earlier clash in Trafalgar Square, a strong force of mounted and foot police moved tonight into the East End of London, where Sir Oswald Mosley, former British Union of Fascists leader, arrived in Rudey Road, the East End storm centre, for a May Day "social evening" with his supporters.

The Union Movement chief was greeted by a storm of cheers mingled with boos and hisses as he arrived, standing erect in a big American touring car.

Rudey Road, situated in a largely Jewish-populated area, has since the end of the war, been the scene of repeated violent clashes between Mosley supporters, who staged meetings there, and anti-Fascists. Mosley's "social evening" was held in a public house, while a crowd of several thousand surged outside, held in check by the police. When Sir Oswald left the public house, the crowd had dwindled to a few dozen. Boos and shouts of "Down with Fascism" competed with cheering by Mosley supporters as he drove off.—Reuter.

De Gaulle Attack On Government

Paris, May 1. General Charles De Gaulle today accused the "mediocrities" now in power in France of agreeing to "revive the German Reich."

He said: "The arrangements now consented to by Washington, London and Paris amount to the revival of a centralised Germany."

Addressing a demonstration in the Bois de Boulogne here, he declared that Moscow had decided in favour of this policy some time ago, expecting a centralised Germany to "play ball" with the Soviet Union.

"The present French Government—the chloroform team—chooses this moment to try to make us believe that the Atlantic Pact guarantees the security of everybody and in consequence that of France. This is a confidence trick," the General said.—Reuter.

DUBLIN PROTEST

Dublin, May 1. A large crowd filled O'Connell Street here today for a public protest against the imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and Archbishop Stepinac of Yugoslavia.

The meeting passed a resolution proposed by Mr. Frank Fahy, Speaker of the Dail (Parliament) and seconded by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. John Brown, recording "detestation of the cruelty and tyranny of atheistic Communism which inhumanly persecutes Roman Catholics in Eastern Europe."—Reuter.

London, May 1. Police and May Day Demonstrators clashed in London today in a swaying battle lasting over two hours as Communists and their supporters tried to form processions in defiance of the official ban on political marches.

At one stage anti-Communists, including Mosley supporters, entered the fray, attacking marchers who attempted to reach Trafalgar Square, traditional centre for public meetings, close to Whitehall, the Government quarter.

The Trafalgar Square meeting was organised by the London Trades Council in place of its customary procession from the banks of the Thames in Hyde Park, which came under the temporary ban on political processions in London recently imposed by the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede.

Shortly before 3 p.m. several hundred people had gathered in the Square. Young people threaded their way among the crowds, selling leaflets and publications. Banners against the plumb of the famous Nelson Column shone in the bright, spring sunshine. Dozens of extra police were stationed around the Square.

Shortly before the meeting men and women carried small flags and banners around the square. A group of Communists unfurled in a nearby street, unfurled their banners and prepared to march into the Square.

Police tried to intercept them, but a hostile section of the crowd got there first and banners were torn down and blows exchanged before order was restored. Mounted police were brought into position to prevent any further attempts to march into the Square, and the meeting proceeded.

From East End

At the same time hundreds of people were walking towards the centre of the city from the Eastern districts, many of them carrying furl banners.

Towards the end of a series of violent incidents, police on horseback and on foot concentrated on seizing the banners carried by the demonstrators, tearing them to shreds and breaking the staves.

The demonstrators, including many girls and women, engaged the constables in hand-to-hand scuffles.

Policemen lost their helmets in the melee, and their horses were hit.

Acting upon what appeared to be a signal a large body of Communists managed to form themselves into a procession with banners hoisted by the police quickly dispersed them.

Other Communists in the Square waved their flags and banners and cheered their new attempt but their cheers were drowned by crowds who booed in chorus.

Pollitt Speech

Some people helped the police tear down Communist banners. Large groups of demonstrators then rushed into the road to march to Cranbourne Street where the Communist Secretary, Mr. Harry Pollitt, was due to address a Communist-organised meeting.

The police counter-attacked to break up the procession as hundreds of cars and scores of double-decker buses were stalled amid the milling, fighting crowd.

Mr. Pollitt, at his meeting, told a crowd of 2,000: "In China the second greatest event in modern world history is being brought to its tremendous conclusion."

The first was the Russian Revolution of 1917, and the second, shortly to be witnessed, is the culminating event of "the entire Chinese continent."

Anti-British Slogans In Peiping

San Francisco, May 1. May Day parade scenes in China's Red capital, Peiping, included a procession made up as "enemies of the people—Uncle Sam, linking arms with Japanese generals and John Bull dragging on a train of battleships called Amchys."

This was reported today by the Communist Peiping Radio which says that millions of people participated in the celebrations in hundreds of towns and cities.

Above the gates of Peiping's old Forbidden City two giant portraits of Mr. Mao Tse-tung and the Commander-in-Chief, Chu Teh, were set up.

Banners called for increased production and the transformation of China into an industrial country.—Reuter.

Opposition To Israel Membership

Flushing Meadow, May 1. Arab opposition is likely to be heard in the General Assembly tomorrow when approval is asked for placing the question of the admission of Israel to the United Nations before the Minor Political Committee, thus ensuring an early debate.

Israel's application for admission has been delayed on the regular Political Committee agenda by the drawn-out debate on the Italian colonies.

The Steering Committee has recommended to the Assembly that it send Israel's application to the Minor Committee to help to speed up the present session.

Mr. Charles Malik, of the Lebanon, protested in the Steering Committee against giving Israel's application a special standing. This, he said, would not be conducive to the continuance of real peace in the near future.

He also intimated that when the matter reaches the Assembly floor the Arab States will agree to the decision to send it to the Ad Hoc group requires a two-third majority.—Reuter.

MRS STANLEY AND FRIEND LEAVE FOR PALESTINE

Paris, May 1.

Mrs. Sidney Stanley, wife of the principal Lynskay Tribunal witness, and her friend, Mr. C. Rosen, left their hotel here tonight with the intention of flying on once to Palestine, the hotel manager said.

A few minutes earlier, the floor waiter, who had attended them during their two-and-a-half-day stay in Paris, said they had moved out of their suite.

Mrs. Stanley arrived at Le Bourget Airport on Friday and booked in at the fashionable Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Badgered by journalists, she and Mr. Rosen later moved into the Prince of Wales Hotel, which is situated nearby.

All day yesterday, Mrs. Stanley managed to avoid seeing journalists. Mr. Rosen appeared once or twice in the hotel entrance, giving affable but evasive replies to questions.

"I happened to be on my way to Paris at the same time as Mrs. Stanley, so we decided to spend a holiday here," he said.

A Reuter despatch from Tel Aviv today said that a small yacht from Ramsgate, Kent, carried Sidney Stanley to Dunkirk on his way to Paris, according to a British Jewish informant in that city, who claims to be his personal friend. He wishes to remain anonymous.

He said that after reporting to the police on March 31, Stanley left for the South Coast in a waiting car and was rowed to a small yacht which had left Ramsgate the previous night.

To Write Memoirs

After a 12-hour crossing, Stanley landed near Dunkirk and went on to Paris by road.

Stanley had little British money on him when he left, but obtained plenty of dollars in Paris from an American publishing house as an advance payment for his memoirs.

The informant claims that he was instructed to go to Tel Aviv to await Stanley's arrival and confessed that he was puzzled by Stanley's non-appearance in Palestine.—Reuter.

"Capitalism Collapsing"

Moscow, May 1. "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party's organ, said in a May Day editorial today that capitalism is dying and wants to drag the whole of mankind with it to the grave.

"Everybody can see that the age of capitalism is coming to an end, that no efforts of frantic reaction will save it from collapse, that all roads of historical development are leading to Communism," the newspaper declared.—Reuter.

HOLY CITY AIR RAID ALARM

Jerusalem, May 1. Air raid sirens sounded here tonight as thousands of people, assembled for May Day processions, hastily took cover after explosions had been heard throughout the Holy City.

The explosions appeared to be about one mile outside the city, on the South, in the neighbourhood of an area which Egyptian troops had been evacuating all day.

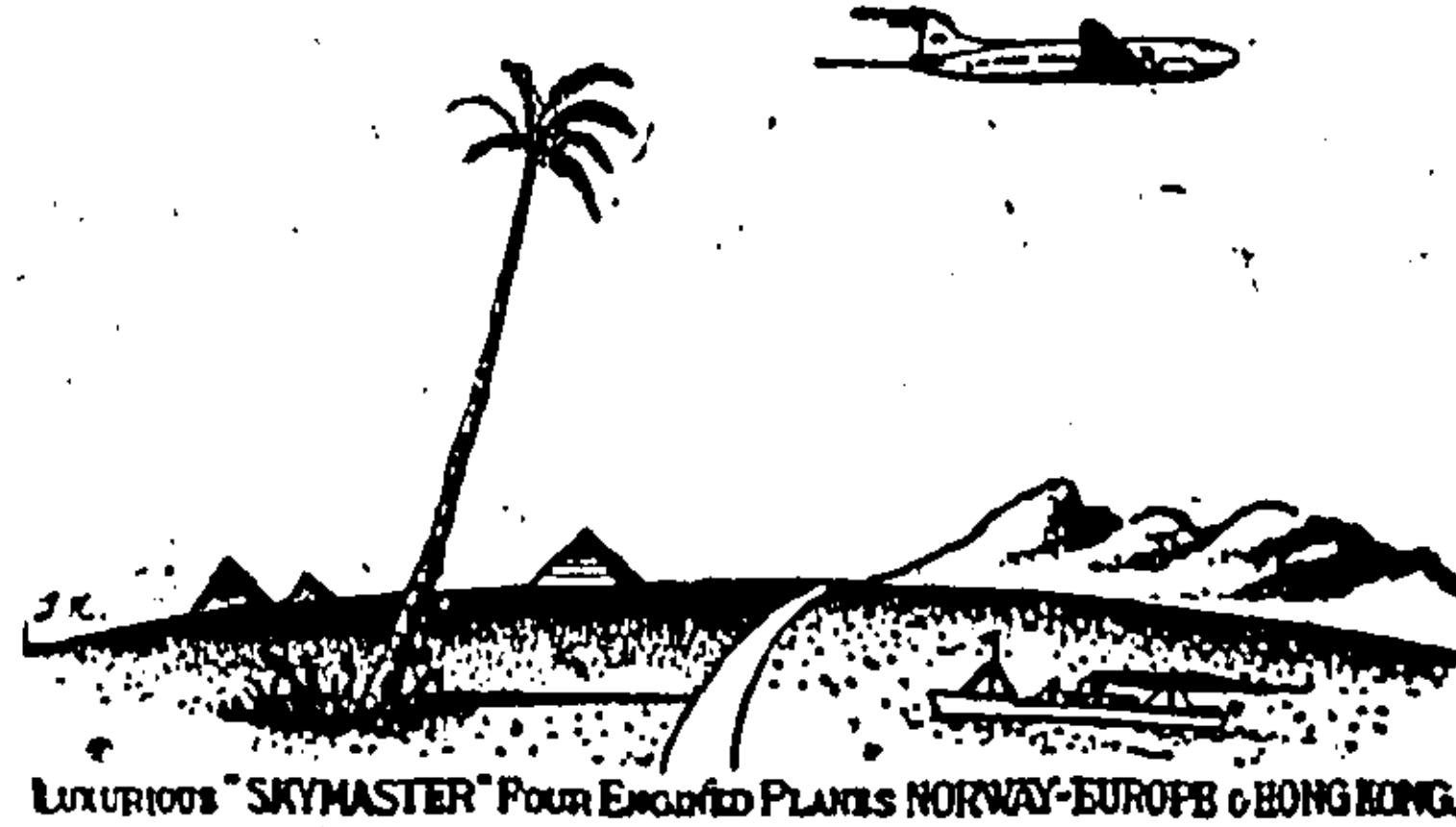
Shortly before the explosions, police vans raced through the streets warning the people, Jewish officials later ordered a black-out.

The curfew enforced in Jerusalem made exact observation impossible, but it is not believed that shells had fallen within the city.

Three days ago sporadic rifle shooting broke out in Jerusalem between Arab legionnaires and Israeli soldiers, three of whom were wounded.

Today was the day fixed under the Israeli-Transjordan armistice agreement, signed in Rhodes, for withdrawal by the Arab League from certain positions now allotted to Israel.—Reuter.

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TUC Approach To World Unions

London, May 1.

Britain's 8,000,000-strong Trade Union Congress is to approach trade union movements in other countries throughout the world to invite their help in forming a new trade union international.

The General Council of the TUC has decided on this first positive action since the British, United States and Dutch members of the World Federation of Trades Unions walked out of that organisation in January.

The two great American organisations—the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisations—are involved with the TUC in the new move.

Consultation with other national trade union centres—most of which are still within the new Communist-led WFTU—will begin immediately.

The TUC hopes that a preliminary conference may be called at a fairly early date.

A strong TUC delegation, which had recently negotiated with the two principal American trade union movements in the United States, has reported to the General Council complete accord on future international policy.

BARODA MERGES WITH BOMBAY

Bombay, May 1. The Indian state of Baroda today merged with Bombay Province.

In a farewell message to his 3,500,000 subjects, the Gaekwar (Ruler) of Baroda, known in the West as a race-horse owner, said: "I feel relieved of a very great burden and responsibility, and more so as I am putting you and your destiny in mightier hands."—Reuter.

ELECTIONS OFF IN BURMA?

Rangoon, May 1. Burmese elections, due to be held by July 4, are likely to be postponed for an indefinite period, sources close to the Government stated.

The informants said that the Election Supervisory Committee, appointed by the Government, has recommended to President Sao Shwe Thakine that the elections be postponed indefinitely owing to the steadily deteriorating conditions in the country.

The sources added that a postponement might necessitate an amendment of the Constitution which lays down that elections must be held within 18 months of Independence Day—January 4, 1948.—Reuter.

REBELS' CLAIM

London, May 1. A May Day broadcast by the Free Greek Radio today claimed that Government forces had lost 12,484 men since April 1, including 1,200 captured.

The Radio added that in the first four months of this year the "Monarcho-Fascist" forces totalled 30,500 officers and men, of whom 2,840 were taken prisoners.—Reuter.

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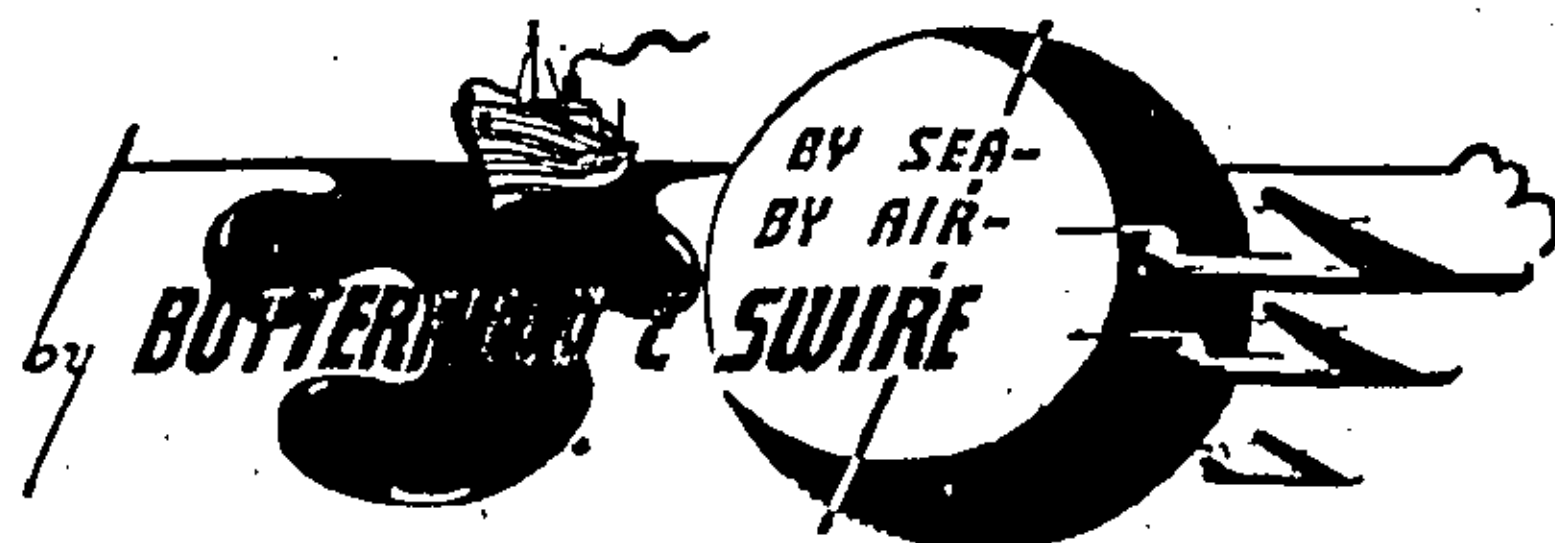
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RICE EXPORTS FORECAST

Washington, May 1. The Agriculture Department reports that rice exports from Siam, Burma and Indo-China during the first three months of this year were above exports for last year's similar period, but thinks that there will be a decline later in the year.

The Department says that 1,000,000,000 pounds were exported from the "Big Three" rice countries during the first quarter of this year, compared with 1,430,000,000 in the same period last year.

It points out that Siam's rice exports have more than doubled, but Indo-China's have declined and Burma showed only a slight increase.

It says, however, that Burmese rice exports are expected to decline sharply during the remainder of the year unless civil strife there ends, and the total for 1949 may not exceed 2,000,000,000 pounds, compared with last year's 2,725,000,000.

It also points out that Indo-China's rice export from Cochinchina are now blocked and resumption depends upon unpredictable political factors.

To Tow Ship Into Port

Rio de Janeiro, May 1. Admiral Antonio Gouveia, the Brazilian Director of Naval Navigation and Hydrography, said here today that he believed it would be possible to tow into port the section of the 17,500-ton Royal Mail liner Magdalena, which broke into two in Rio Bay on Tuesday.

The vessel's engines suffered no serious damage, he said. The Brazilian authorities' inquiry into the disaster opens on Monday afternoon. The date of the opening of the British official enquiry has not yet been fixed. Representatives of Lloyd's were today inspecting the stern part of the Magdalena, now manned by members of her own crew.

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Washington, May 1. The Senate Committee hearings on the North Atlantic Treaty will enter their second week tomorrow with the unanimous approval of the Committee virtually assured and the prospects of the hearings finishing well ahead of schedule.

Almost the only opposition to the Treaty in last week's hearings came from two Senators, who are not members of the Committee but who asked for permission to cross-examine leading Government witnesses for ratification.

The strategy being pursued by the Administration in the presentation of its case suggests that they are so confident that the Treaty will be ratified by an overwhelming majority that they are directing their major efforts to "selling" in advance the military assistance programme with which the United States will implement the Treaty.

The effect of this may be to lead them to come out with the Treaty itself but they will, at the same time, win other votes for the arms programme when that comes up for approval.

It appears that the real fight in Congress will come over the military aid programme and not over the Treaty. But, whereas the Administration requires a two-thirds vote in the Senate for a ratification of the Treaty, they only require a bare majority of Congress to authorize and appropriate the funds required for re-arming Europe.

Government officials said yesterday that the United States intends to see that any arms supplied to the Atlantic Pact countries are used strictly to reinforce the Atlantic Pact's defence.

Administration plans outline conditions in advance to prevent diverting any American weapons. The officials said that this means that the Dutch and French could not use American guns, ammunition and equipment in Indonesia or French Indo-China because the U.S. would reserve the right to have all arms shipments to any country violating these conditions.

Firm Conditions

The officials emphasize, however, that they expect no trouble on this point.

Firm conditions would be written into the arms contract mainly as a precaution. Some Congressional demands that American arms should not be used to smash native revolts in the Far East colonial areas are presumably a factor also.

To strengthen this policy, serious consideration is being given to adding a provision specifying that American arms cannot be used to free an equivalent amount of home-made weapons for shipment elsewhere.

Government officials working on the problem said that they expect little or no trouble in keeping a close check on American arms once they are transferred.

Senator's Demand

Senator Harry F. Byrd demanded today that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, tell Congress whether any secret promises have been made to supply Atlantic Pact nations with American arms. He also called on the Administration for a cost estimate on the entire arms for Europe programme. So far the only figure supplied to Congress has been \$1,130,000,000 for the first year.

Senator Byrd's demands for more information came as the Senate Foreign Relations Committee prepared to renew hearings on Monday on the 12-nation defence treaty with testimony from the former Under Secretary of State, Mr. Herbert Lovett.

Senator Forrest C. Donnell, in a separate interview, told that he has a good reason to think that the Atlantic pact will require the permanent garrisoning of American troops in Europe. He said that the pact obliges for mutual action forthwith to restore and maintain security will require United States additions to the current troop strength of Western European armies.

He said: "If I had to vote on the pact at this minute I would vote against it." But with the vote weeks away, the Senator said he reserves the right to change his mind on the basis of future evidence.

Fears Shared

Senator Donnell's fears appear to be shared by several other Senators. If they can be resolved, pact supporters say, ratification of the treaty by the required two-thirds Senate vote is certain.

Senator Byrd told the United Press that he is writing for Mr. Acheson to find out if any moral or other commitment to send American arms in advance of congressional authorization was made in the months of treaty negotiations.

He said: "And that includes even any type of informal promise."

He added that Congress should be given a good idea of the overall cost of the arms programme which administration leaders say will run for several years.

Labour's Appeal To Feminine Vote

London, May 1. The deputy Prime Minister, Herbert Morrison, today appealed to women to help return the Labour Party to power in the 1950 general elections.

Speaking to a May Day rally of women, Mr. Morrison said: "Women will have great influence on the next Parliamentary election. I want them to consider very carefully."

The party's aim is to raise real wages rather than money wages, he said.—United Press.

NY TRIBUNE ON INDIA'S STATUS

New York, May 1. The Herald Tribune editorial today sees the agreement permitting India to remain in the Commonwealth as almost equally valuable to the United States as to Britain and India.

"Re-creation of the Commonwealth improves the prospect for economic and political stability in Western Europe and Southern Asia."

"The agreement contains interesting possibilities for intensification of the effort to seek closer unity among nations of the entire Pacific basin."—United Press.

Not Enough

Senator Byrd expressed doubt that the \$1,130,000,000 first year programme will come any way near helping Europe re-arm effectively.

He pointed out that the Administration gave Congress a \$17,000,000,000 estimate on the four-year European economic recovery programme. He sees little reason why a similar estimate could not be made about the arms.

Senator Byrd is expected to support the Atlantic Pact but has given no indication of his stand on the arms issue.

Senator Wayne Morse wishes to dissociate himself from the views expressed by some Republican Senators that a vote for the pact would not commit the Senators to back it up with arms shipments.

He said: "If we go into the North Atlantic Pact we go into a plan for mutual defence and that means arms aid."

Senator Morse is an advocate of the treaty.—Reuter, Associated Press and United Press.

Million Italians To Leave Home

Paris, May 1.

Nearly a million Italian citizens will be permanently re-settled throughout the world during the next four years.

Emigration plans have been presented by the Italian Government to the Economic Co-operation Administration, Mr. Boris Shishkin, Director of the Labour Division in ECA's Paris headquarters.

The plans are aimed at restoring the long-established flow of Italian emigration to the Western hemisphere, interrupted by the war.

"Unemployment in Italy, hampering recovery efforts, is the No. 1 manpower problem in Europe," Mr. Shishkin stated.

The Italian labour surplus has accumulated over a period of years and ECA is deeply concerned in helping to solve the problem.

The Italian Government's plan is dependent on the availability of shipping space and the conclusion of bilateral agreements with each of over a dozen countries which have tentatively agreed to receive the emigrants.

ECA has suggested that the United States Maritime Commission should provide Italy with 10 ships for the purpose. ECA officials estimate that 222,000 Italians would be re-settled outside Europe in 1949.

Argentina, the biggest receiving country, is expected to absorb 161,000 this year, Brazil 17,000, Canada 10,000 and the United States 8,000.

Other absorbing countries include Venezuela, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Central American Republics and Mexico.—Reuter.

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VALERA'S WARNING ON PARTITION

London, May 1.

Eamon de Valera, former Prime Minister of Eire, told a demonstration here of 5,000 compatriots, organised by the Anti-Partition of Ireland League, that a number of British Prime Ministers had told him that they would like to see partition ended.

"If this is so, why should a declaration not be made? Why should the Government not say explicitly that it should end? I have heard a rumour—and it is only a rumour—that there are going to be enactments and statements that the division is going to continue," Mr. de Valera continued.

"I give warning to the English Government and people that if this outrage is done, those who perpetrated it will be re-sowing the seeds of enmity between our two people."

The meeting gave a great ovation to a veteran Irish Nationalist, Captain Henry Harrison, who is 81 years old.

He said that over 60 years ago he became a member of the Irish Nationalist Parliamentary Party and was at one time Secretary to the former Irish Nationalist leader Charles Stewart Parnell.

Captain Harrison said he regards Mr. de Valera as the foremost figure in the fight for ending partition.

"The set-up in Northern Ireland is an imposture and a sham based on chicanery and upheld by terrorists lavishly indulged by British money and inspired by British intrigues," he added.—Reuter.

Dimitrov Hopes To Return

Sofia, May 2.

All Bulgarian newspapers prominently display a message from the Premier, Georgi Dimitrov, saying he hopes to return to Bulgaria soon, restored in health.

The message, in the form of a May Day greeting to the nation, was broadcast at frequent intervals by the state radio.

The Government announced on April 14 that the Communist Premier had been given "leave" for medical treatment in the Soviet Union. There was speculation at the time as to whether he would be able to continue in office.—Associated Press.



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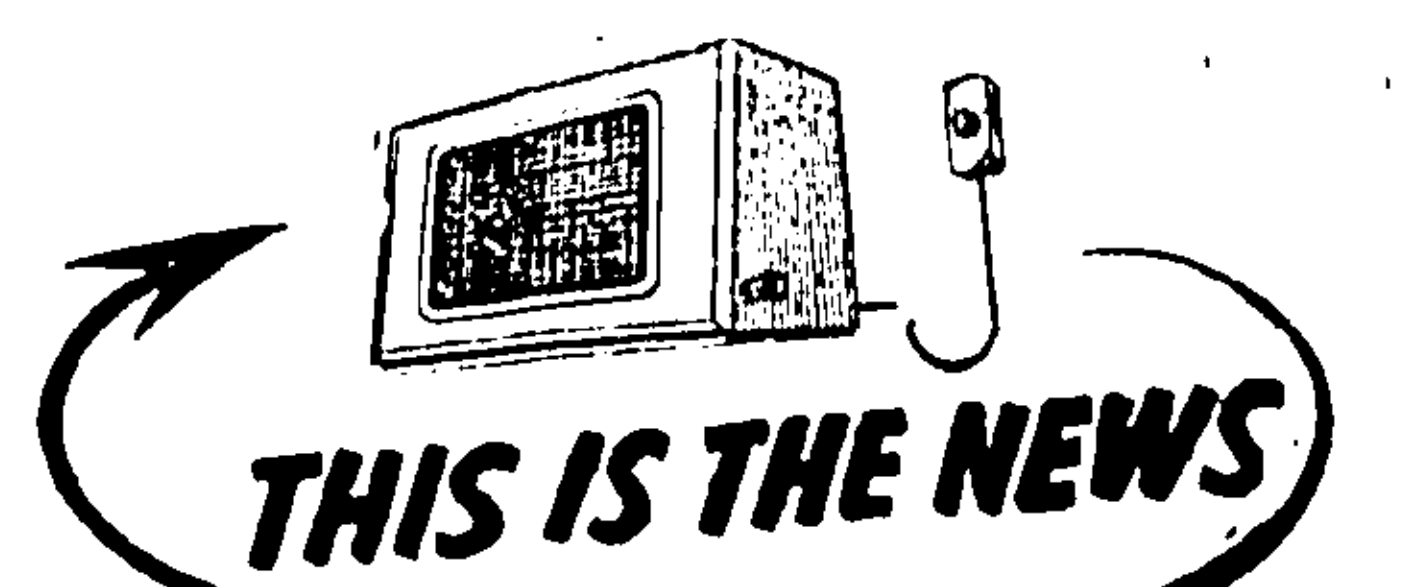
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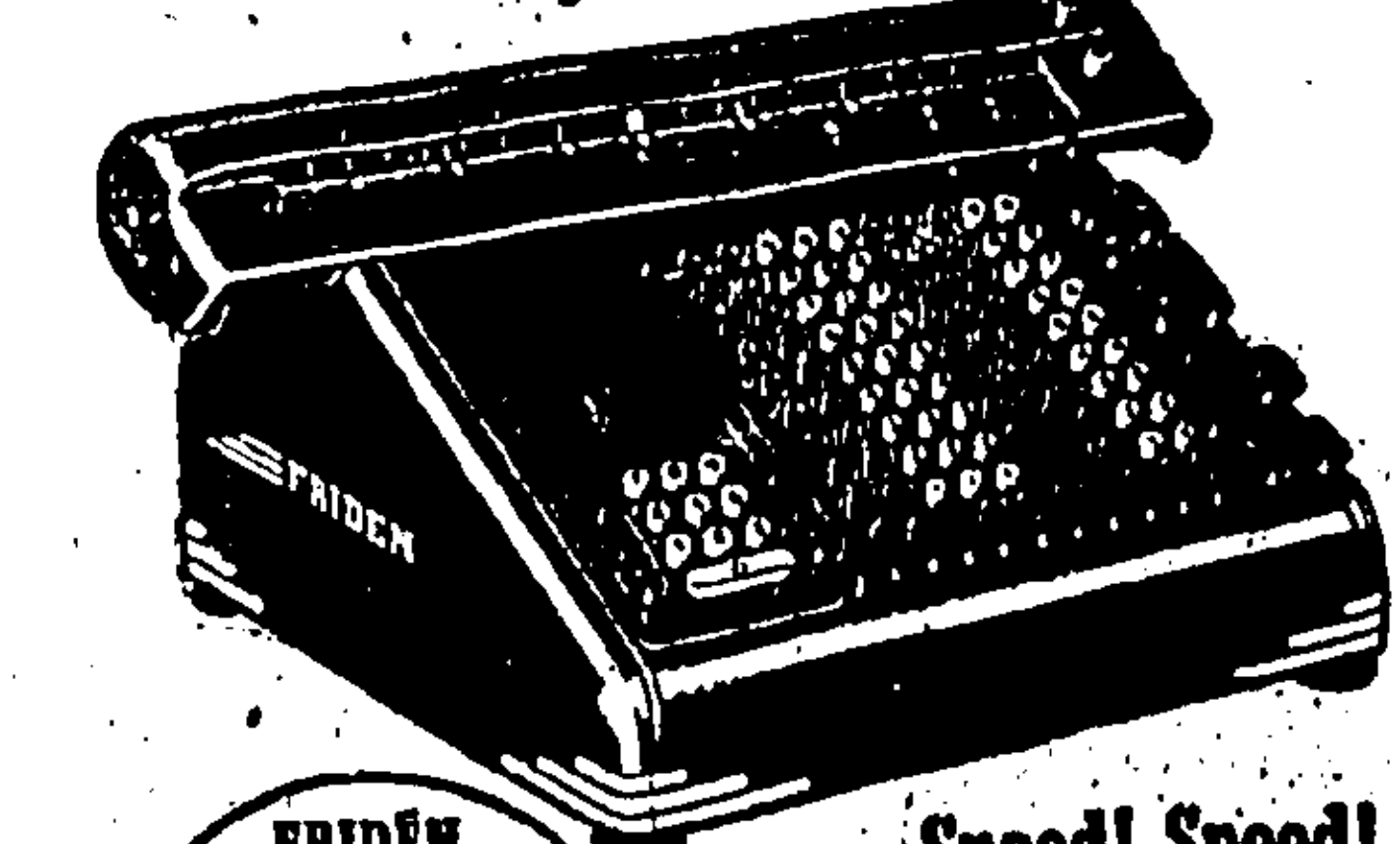
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Lesson 32 (A)

Vocabulary:	
201. (sin) seen¹	A cent.
202. (ho) hoh	Ten cents worth.
203. (maan) maan	Ten thousand. Myriad.
Combinations:	
1. Dau² ling²	Five cents worth. A five-cent piece.
2. Yut¹ gaw² dau² ling².	One five-cent piece.
3. Hoh dzee².	Ten cents worth. A ten-cent piece.
4. Yut¹ hoh dzee².	Ten cents.
5. Yut¹ gaw² hoh dzee².	One ten-cent piece.
6. Yut¹ maan.	Ten thousand.
7. Shup² maan.	One hundred thousand.
8. Yut¹ baak² maan.	One million.
9. Yut¹ tseen¹ maap.	Ten million.
10. Yut¹ maan maan.	One hundred million.

Currency.	
1. Yut¹ gaw² seen¹	1 cent.
2. Saam¹ say² gaw² seen¹.	3 or 4 cents.
3a. Ng gaw² seen¹.	5 cents.
3b. Dau² ling².	5 cents.
4. Yut¹ hoh dzee².	10 cents.
5. Yee² (or Leung²) hoh dzee².	20 cents.
6. Saam¹ say² hoh dzee².	30 or 40 cents.
7. Say² hoh boon² dzee².	45 cents.
8. Look² hoh baat² dzee².	60 cents.
9a. Yut¹ gaw² ngun tseen².	\$1.00.
9b. Yut¹ mun¹.	\$1.00.
10a. Leung² saam¹ gaw² ngun tseen².	2 or 3 dollars.
10b. Leung² saam¹ mun¹.	2 or 3 dollars.

(To be continued)

Ceylon Premier And Moslems

London, May 1. The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. Stephen Senanayake, today received a deputation of the Bhimadaya Moslem community in Great Britain, led by Mr. M. A. Bajwa Imam of the London Mosque.

Mr. Senanayake, welcoming the deputation, mentioned the very peaceful communal relations that exist in Ceylon. His Government is anxious to maintain these relations.

The deputation presented the Prime Minister with a copy of the Holy Koran, with English translation and commentary in a gold brocade case.—Reuter.

Textile Output To Be Less

New York, May 2. American textile mills will produce about 20 per cent less cotton cloth in the first half of this year than in the same period a year ago, an industry spokesman predicted.

He said production will be cut by more than one billion yards. That would make the output for the first six months 4,100,000,000 yards.

He said: "Such a rate of production would indicate that, barring an expected upturn in demand later this year, the final output for 1949 would be smaller than in any year since 1940."—Associated Press.

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Mystery Illness Kills Eight

Nicolaia, May 2. A mystery illness in the village of Aske in the Nicolaia district of Cyprus had yesterday taken the lives of eight villagers while 18 are seriously ill.

Doctors, who have not yet found the cause of the outbreak, describe the symptoms as of the influenza type followed by pneumonia. Men, women and children alike are affected.

The doctors are confident that the disease is localised and unlikely to spread to adjoining villages.—Associated Press.

ENVOY'S MESSAGE TO TURKEY

Ankara, May 1. Sir David Kelly, retiring British Ambassador to Turkey, who has been appointed to Moscow, left here today for London.

In a farewell message he praised the astonishing progress made by modern Turkey under Kemal Ataturk and the inspiration of President Ismet Inonu. Sir David said that he had been impressed by Turkey's undeveloped resources and industrial possibilities.—Reuter.

CHENNAULT TO MAKE STATEMENT ON CHINA

Washington, May 1. Major General Claire L. Chennault of the CAT (China Air Transport) this week will give two Congressional committees his views on the situation in war-torn China.

Senator Pat McCarran, chairman of the Joint Congressional "watchdog" committee on ECA aid, said that General Chennault has accepted an invitation to testify before McCarran's group.

Republican Senator William F. Knowland disclosed that General Chennault will also appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee. The sessions of both committees will be closed.

Senator McCarran is the author of the controversial bill to extend more military and economic aid to Nationalist China. Senator Knowland has demanded Congressional investigation of the Administration's China policy.

The "watch dog" group is officially known as the Joint Committee on Foreign Economic Co-operation. During the past year it has taken testimony from various experts on the Far East. Five Senators and five Representatives, Democrats and Republicans, comprise its membership.

Advocates Aid

Two of the most recent witnesses to appear before the

A World Government By 1955?

Blackpool, May 1. Mr. Henry Ussborne, Labour Member of Parliament, thinks it possible that world government may be established by 1955.

Speaking at the International Rotary Conference here, he said that only fast work in this direction can save the world from disaster.

Mr. Ussborne, Secretary in Britain of the Crusade for World Government, said it is hoped that in the next few months that an unofficial ballot will be held in Britain to select British representatives of the "People's Constituent Assembly."

This, he said, is the name to be given to the proposed Conference of Delegates, each representing 1,000,000 of the world's population, which, it is hoped, will be held next year either in India or Pakistan.—Reuter.

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"CREEPING CRAWLING DISEASE"

New York, May 1. Vice-President Alben Barkley today urged the American people to dedicate themselves to the task of keeping Communism—"that wicked, creeping, crawling economic disease"—out of the United States.

Mr. Barkley spoke during a loyalty day rally at the Polo Grounds, which was attended by some 30,000 persons despite light rain.

The meeting was presided over by Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who delivered a special prayer at the conclusion of the two-hour service.

Mr. Barkley said: "We should dedicate ourselves to see to it that that wicked thing that creeping, crawling economic disease be not permitted to gain foothold in the United States of America."

He then told of the danger of Communism and indirectly praised the Atlantic Pact.

"We have entered upon a venture never before attempted. We will sacrifice our treasures and our lives, if needed, though I hope not—for this priceless heritage cannot be measured in any terms."—United Press.

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MAIL NOTICE

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It is hereby notified that commencing from Tuesday, May 3, 1949 and until further notice, the Outward Airmail to United Kingdom will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday; CPO Kowloon 4.30 p.m.; GPO Hong Kong 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

AIR MAIL TO SINGAPORE

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 80 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It mails close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Closing Times by Sea

Swatow, 2 p.m.

Manila, 2 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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Thakin Nu (left) Premier of Burma, enjoys a cup of tea with his excellency Shri C. Rajagopalachari, Governor General of India during a visit to Government House, New Delhi. Associated Press Photo.

China Economy Depends On ECA Oil Supply

Shanghai, May 2.

Nationalist China's economy would become paralysed in only a few weeks if the United States were to divert shipments of ECA oil—as it did some cotton last week.

This is because the US\$46,000,000 petroleum programme at present is furnishing fuel to run power and lights plants in Shanghai and Canton and 56 other cities.

It is supplying kerosene which lights millions of rural homes. It is supplying fuel to operate all domestic ships and airlines and bus lines in a dozen cities.

In 30 cities it is supplying fuel for power to operate factories employing thousands of workers which support millions of people. American aid fuel runs more than 2,000 rice and vegetable oil mills in Kiangsu and Chekiang provinces alone.

ECA is supplying all the oil and petrol being consumed by the civilian population in Nationalist China. Only non-users of ECA petroleum are the military forces, international airlines and ships' bunkers.

Approximately 30,000 barrels of American aid petroleum are being expended daily in Nationalist China. In 10 days ECA releases as much petroleum as China can produce in a whole year. China is not an oil-producing country and oilmen say it probably never will be. There are only two areas in all China where oil is being produced and production of both is very small. One of these is the Yunnan fields in Kansu province and the other is on the island of Taiwan.

Oil Areas

Oil maps show other areas which might be "favourable" producing areas and others which might be "possible" areas. But oilmen point out the great expense of adequately exploring and developing these areas.

Development will run into millions of dollars, dollars China does not have and foreigners won't risk because of the upset political conditions. And if the areas are developed, it is pointed out, it would be of no real value unless the country's transportation system is developed at the same time.

The question has been asked why the United States has not tried to help China develop her own resources instead of just financing imports of oil, which is readily consumed.

The reason is the United States wanted to give China a respite from the rapid deterioration of her economy so the Chinese Govt.

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ernment could take measures to stabilise conditions. And the U.S. is not ready to pay out the millions of dollars necessary to develop the resources of China—even if the resources are sufficient to be developed.

How Long?

President Truman said that it is hoped that by the time ECA expires, China will be able to carry on by herself.

ECA still has not expired and officials in China hope it will be able to carry on the petroleum programme at least through September. But with the worsening war situation, no one now is prepared to say how long ECA will continue to function.

When the Communists captured Peking and Tientsin, ECA was forced to close its regional offices. Last week the threat of Communist capture of Shanghai caused ECA to move its China headquarters to Canton.

The area in which ECA is able to operate is growing increasingly smaller.—Associated Press.

STEEL CUTS?

Cleveland, May 2. The magazine "Steel" predicts that there will be little steel buying during the next few weeks. It said buyers expect price cuts. The trade magazine said that steel executives are divided on this point.—Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, May 2. Silver Wharf, Sea Serpent and President Taft sailed on Saturday for Manila.—Associated Press.

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	to Java Ports & Macassar 9th June

HONGKONG-MANILA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TASMAN" from Manila & Amoy 11th May	to Manila & Amoy 12th May

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Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & Amoy 20th May	to Straits & B. Dell 28th May
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ANOTHER DECLINE SHOWN IN U.S. BUSINESS ACTIVITY

APL Chief On Trip To The Orient

San Francisco, May 2. George Killian, President of American President Lines, is on a 35,000-mile world-circling trip to stimulate trade for U.S. Pacific coast ports. "I am particularly interested in the trans-Pacific market which is served through West Coast ports," Mr. Killian said. "Pacific Coast shipping needs all the help it can get, particularly in view of declining tonnage figures since the first of the year which may be further accentuated by present unsettled conditions in the Orient."

Stevedore Strike In Honolulu

Honolulu, May 1. Two thousand stevedores were called on strike early today by the International Longshoremen's Warehousemen's Union. Jack Hall, head of the Hawaiian Islands ILWU, said picket lines would be thrown around all ports at 7 a.m. Honolulu time. Passenger baggage, mail and perishables on route will be worked, Hall said. The union has asked to work military cargo. The union wants a raise of 22 cents an hour from the present \$14.00. U.S. Conciliator George L. Hillenbrand said the seven waterfront employers offered a 12 cent an hour pay boost shortly before midnight. The union asks 32 cents to restore the 1945 ratio with longshoremen on the U.S. West coast, who then were getting 10 cents an hour more than Hawaii stevedores—Associated Press.

Agreement Between Japs And Pakistan

Karachi, May 1. The leader of the SCAP trade mission, Mr. Edward Blatchley, announced today that a trade agreement has been concluded here between Japan and Pakistan. He said the full details could not be disclosed until it has been ratified, but in the main it calls for an exchange of Japanese textiles, textile machinery and industrial machinery for Pakistan's raw cotton, jute, hides, skins and raw wool. The mission is to return to Japan tonight, abandoning previous plans to visit Siam and Burma due to the length of its visit here—United Press.

India Plans For Trade

Bombay, May 1. The Indian Government plans to participate actively in international trade by establishing three shipping companies. The first corporation, to be floated in Bombay, shortly will deal with building up India's trade with Australia, Far East and Near East countries. The Government recently purchased two Victory ships from the Canadian Transport Company for this corporation. The second corporation will be concerned with India-United Kingdom continent trade. The third will deal with the country's trade interests in the South and North American spheres. The third corporation will be capitalised at 100,000,000 rupees. Each is to have a fleet of 20 steamers—Associated Press.

OIL DEPOSITS NEAR BORDER

Hamburg, May 1. The existence of a valuable oil deposit was indicated by a test boring at Reckwerth, North West of Lingen, a few miles from the German-Dutch border, the German Petroleum Service announced today. It was thought that this deposit was a continuation of the Groningen field in Holland. Four oil deposits are already being developed in this area—Reuter.

New York, May 1. Slow demand for consumer goods and increased labor trouble brought another decline in American business activity this week. While seasonal conditions induced lower volumes in some cases, there was evidence that the nation's business is still undergoing piecemeal downward adjustments from the exceptional high levels attained after the war.

ECA Plans For China

Washington, May 1. Despite the Chinese civil war, which made it necessary to move ECA China Headquarters to Canton from Shanghai, the agency's Rural Reconstruction Commission is laying out a vast programme it hopes to accomplish in the non-Communist area. If conditions in China permit, this phase of the ECA China programme may spend as much as \$15,000,000 on projects by the end of this year.

Already, the Commission has entered into agreements with the Chinese Nationalist authorities for about \$7,000,000 expenditures on various projects in non-Communist areas. The costs of the various projects are computed in estimated amounts of rice the Commission agrees to supply various Chinese authorities for carrying out the projects—Associated Press.

Money Market

There was little change in the money market after the weekend holiday. US dollars continued in demand and yesterday's closing quotation was HK\$0.27. Lowest quotation of the day was \$0.10. Pounds were stationary at HK\$10.90 a 100. Ticals were unchanged at HK\$24.10 a 100. NEI Guilders opened at HK\$32.75 a 100 and closed at five cents higher. Sterling was higher at HK\$16.10, but Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$13.20.

Notice To Consignees S.S. "ANTENOR"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on May 3 and 4, 1946, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hong Kong, May 2, 1946.

Notice To Consignees CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 7th May, 1946.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after 8th May, 1946 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 25th May, 1946 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hong Kong, May 1, 1946.

CANTON COST OF LIVING INCREASE

Canton, May 2. The cost of living here jumped 20 per cent in a week, even in terms of Hong Kong dollars. Telegraph and long distance telephone tolls are payable in silver dollars, which are at three times the rates before. Postage is paid also in silver dollars, representing a similar rise.

Very soon public utility rates will also be in silver dollars. This means Government revenue will entirely be in silver dollars. Since income is not yet enough to cover expenditures, Government employees may not be paid in silver in future.

The Gold Yuan bills are not much in demand nowadays, being replaced by silver dollars and Hong Kong currency—Associated Press.

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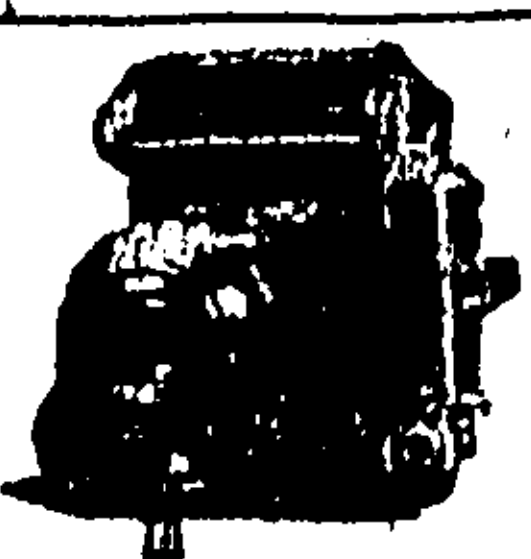
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BRITISH CLEAN SWEEP IN DAVIS CUP MATCH

Macao Lose Table Tennis In Singapore

Singapore, May 1. An All-Malaya table tennis team beat a visiting Macao team by three games to two on Saturday night.

This is the visitors' first defeat after a run of successive victories over Malayan teams since their arrival in Singapore a fortnight ago.—Reuter.

VALLEY ENTRIES

Entries and handicaps for the Fifth Race Meeting to take place on Saturday at Happy Valley were officially announced yesterday.

Details follow:

1. Mount Nicholson Stakes. One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (117), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

2. Mount Parker Stakes (1st Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 8 (1000 Pounds). Estrellita (147), Flying Dragon (147), Gentleman Jim (147), Happy Boy (147), Hong Kong (147), National Glory (147), Roder (147), Shanghai (147), Slicker (147) and Sprinter (147).

3. Talmashan Stakes (1st Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Al Ferro (147), Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

4. Mount Davis Stakes (1st Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

5. Victoria Park Handicap (1st Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

6. Mount Parker Stakes (2nd Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 8 (1000 Pounds). Estrellita (147), Flying Dragon (147), Gentleman Jim (147), Happy Boy (147), Hong Kong (147), National Glory (147), Roder (147), Shanghai (147), Slicker (147) and Sprinter (147).

7. Mount Davis Stakes (2nd Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

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9. Mount Parker Stakes (3rd Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 8 (1000 Pounds). Estrellita (147), Flying Dragon (147), Gentleman Jim (147), Happy Boy (147), Hong Kong (147), National Glory (147), Roder (147), Shanghai (147), Slicker (147) and Sprinter (147).

10. Mount Davis Stakes (3rd Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

11. Victoria Park Handicap (3rd Sec.). One Mile. Class 7 (1000 Pounds). Arroyo (147), Bony (147), Canadian (147), George (147), Enfield (147), Good News (147), Kollinsky (147), Liberty (147), Morning Star (147), Reputation (147), Speed Wheel (147), Sunkis (147), The Hopeful (147) and Vanguard (147).

12. Mount Parker Stakes (4th Sec.). Six Furlongs. Class 8 (1000 Pounds). Estrellita (147), Flying Dragon (147), Gentleman Jim (147), Happy Boy (147), Hong Kong (147), National Glory (147), Roder (147), Shanghai (147), Slicker (147) and Sprinter (147).

London, May 1. Britain and Czechoslovakia both gained 5-0 victories over their opponents in their first round European Zone Davis Cup ties today and will now meet in the second round at Wimbledon, starting May 14.

At Lisbon, Britain won all her matches against Portugal. With a decisive 3-0 lead yesterday Tim Lewis, aged 22 former Cambridge University captain, was given his Davis Cup chance for Britain and beat the Portuguese champion, Jose Roquette, by 6-2, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Tony Mottram made Britain's victory complete by defeating Jose Da Silva by 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 6-0.

As was expected, Czechoslovakia, winner of the zone games last year, easily accounted for Monaco at Prague.

In other first round ties South Africa, France and Denmark have all gained decisive leads and reached the second round.

At the Hague, South Africa led the Netherlands by 3-0 and will now meet Italy, which received a walk-over when Turkey scratched.

In Luxembourg, France held a 3-0 lead and have qualified to meet Denmark, which leads Israel 3-0 in Copenhagen.

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Nimbus A Surprise Winner Of 'Guineas'

London, May 1.

The surprise about the result of the Two Thousand Guineas, which ended in a short head defeat for the hot favourite Abernant by the 10 to 1 chance Nimbus, was not so much that the favourite lost but that it was Nimbus that won.

This colt, by Nearco, had been beaten "out of sight" by Abernant in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster last year over six furlongs.

Although Nimbus had won over a mile this season, which saw him a round each-way chance, it did not seem possible that he should reverse the previous six-lengths defeat, even with an extra two furlongs to go.

On their breeding, there was little between Abernant, by the Derby winner Tudor out of a sprinting mare, Ruston Mahal and Nimbus, by the Grand Prix winner, Nearco, out of the six-furlong Wokingham Stakes winner, Kong.

However, the race at Newmarket showed that Abernant does not get more than seven furlongs on a severe course, whereas Nimbus does at least get a mile.

The question now being asked is: "What hopes has Nimbus got of winning the Derby?"

A Favourite

It would be foolish to say that even though he lacks stamina on his dam side, Nimbus is not now a Derby prospect. After all, he won the Guineas because he had speed and courage and there was no sign of his faltering at the end of the mile trip.

On the other hand, there is no guarantee whatever that he will beat Epson, over one and a half miles several colts that he beat at Newmarket, notably Peter Flower, Hindostan and the French Amour Drake. These three should appreciate the longer journey and the softer going which they are likely to get at Epsom.

Nimbus is now one of the Derby favourites at 12 to 1, but it is significant that both Peter Flower and Amour Drake are at about the same price.

It looks very much as if the Derby may be won by a colt that did not run at Newmarket, chief among these being the Cockermouth colt, Royal Forest, Fox Tinge, Welsh Minstrel and Ridge Wood, Lord Derby's Swallow Tail, the Gackwar of Baroda's Jai Hind, Mr. William Woodward's American-bred colts, Lone Eagle and Brown Rover, and the French challengers, including Royal Emulation, which was recently acquired by the British band leader, Jack Hylton.

A Puzzle

Mr. Joe Marless, master of the Cockermouth Stables, has set everyone a puzzle to solve to find the selection for the Derby, in which he has several others entered besides the four already mentioned.

Reliable reports are that, all being well, it will be Royal Forest and that Gordon Richards, who has the tough task of picking his mount for the one big race he has yet to win, will be up on this colt.

It is clear that Abernant will not be asked to run at Epsom, and none of the others seem to have the same strong stamina qualifications that Royal Forest possesses, although Ridge Wood, a winner at Sandown, over a mile last week, is stoutly bred.—Reuter.

Members who wish to enter (other than those who have already put their names down on any of the club lists) are requested to inform the Secretary's Office, Tel. 32340, before the times indicated.

APC LBAH

D.A.O. Davies	1	D.S. Robb	0
W.G. Davidson	1	S.S. Gordon	0
M. Pollock	1	K.R. Oliver	0
M.B. Douglas	1	K.A. Miller	0
Davies and Davidson	0	Robb and Gordon	0
Pollock and Douglas	2	Miller and Oliver	0
Total	6		0

COAL TOWN WINS AT JAMAICA

New York, May 1. Mr. Warren Wright's four-year-old Coal Town, halfbrother to Citation, scored his seventh consecutive victory this season by winning the \$50,000 Gallant Fox Handicap at Jamaica, New York.

In 20 races Coal Town has won 15 times and run second three times.—Reuter.

CLUB ELEVEN

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI in a soccer match against Trainways at Club Ground tomorrow.

Brown: D. Henderson, Taylor; Wright: D. McKay, de Rome; Baker: O'Sullivan, T. Henderson; Hooper, Sloan, Kickoff, 6 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS POSTPONED

Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the opening day of the lawn bowls season of the Hong Kong Football Club on Sunday May 8 has had to be postponed.

BOSTON AT TOP OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, May 2.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds fought out a double-header yesterday, and the Pirates, behind the six-hit pitching of Bob Cheneau, trounced the Reds 10-4, knocking Cincinnati out of first place in the National League.

The Reds came back and won the nightcap 5-2.

Meanwhile, the Boston Braves took over the League leadership by sweeping a double-header with the New York Giants, 6-5 and 4-2.

Philadelphia made it three straight over the Brooklyn Dodgers by winning 4-2 with Russ Meyers limiting the Dodgers to eight well scattered hits.

Philly catcher Andy Semick homered in the fourth.

The St. Louis Cardinals got 15 hits off five Chicago hurlers to defeat the Cubs 8-3 in a drizzling rain.

Ted Williams knocked a homer with the bases loaded in the sixth inning to pace the Boston Red Sox to an 11-2 victory over the New York Yankees, American League leaders.

The game was called at the end of the eighth inning because of rain.

The Chicago White Sox won their seventh straight game game against the St. Louis Browns, sweeping both ends of a double-header, 7-6 and 14-11.

Dick Wakefield's three-run homer in the first inning gave the Detroit Tigers a 3-2 win over pitcher Bob Lemon and the Cleveland Indians.

Lemon pitched a two-hitter. The Philadelphia Athletics took both ends of a double-header from Washington 15-9 and 7-3.

Rookie Alex Keller won the seven inning second game, which was halted because of Pennsylvania's Sunday blue law.

The Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	10	13	0
(1st game)			
Cincinnati	4	6	0
(2nd game)			
Pittsburgh	5	2	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Boston	9	5	.643
Cincinnati	7	5	.583
St. Louis	6	5	.545
New York	6	7	.462
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Pittsburgh	6	7	.462
Philadelphia	6	8	.429
Chicago	6	7	.417

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Boston	10	3	.769
Chicago	8	5	.615
Cleveland	6	4	.600
Detroit	7	5	.583
Philadelphia	8	7	.533
Boston	6	6	.500
St. Louis	3	10	.231
Washington	3	11	.214

With cancellations, delays, etc., the National League is so behind that at a meeting on Friday, it was decided to cancel the league for this year and substitute a knock-out competition for those schools concerned to decide which school will meet the leading two of the Hong Kong Schools Football League.

The draw resulted as follows: Yau-mat (PM) v Yau-mat (AM); Wah Yan v Diocesan; Loy's School v King Wah; La Salle v the winners of this match to meet Mongkok.

Dates when these matches are to take place will be announced later this week.

Schools Soccer

The following are the remaining games in the Senior and Junior Division of the Hong Kong Schools Football League.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Queen's College v Diocesan; Club, 4.30 p.m.; Reformatory v J.A.F. Selby; Reformatory v St. Francis; St. Francis v Yau-mat; Navy, 8.30 p.m.; Reformatory v St. Francis; St. Francis v Yau-mat; Navy, 8.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

La Salle v Diocesan; Boundary Street, 4 p.m.

Joe Louis In Manila

Manila, May 2. Joe Louis, who has fought for millions of dollars in Manila on May 6 for \$15,000. The boxer, who arrived after a two-three-round exhibition in behalf of Philippine charity.

Colonel Andres Soriano, sponsor of the ring arrangement, commented during a news conference that it is fitting that Manila, the fight fan centre, should be host to the greatest fighter of all times.—Associated Press.

BRITISH BOXING PROFITS

London, May 2. The British Boxing Board of Control showed a profit during 1948 of £8,631, the Secretary, Charles Donnelly, reported.

The Board, which governs professional boxing in the United Kingdom, gets most of its income from a percentage cut from promoters, and boxers who fight in main event bouts.

Main event fighters pay five per cent of their purse after deducting expenses. Promoters of big shows also pay five per cent of the gate receipts after deducting entertainment tax, purses of the main boxers and expenses. The percentage is less for smaller promotions.

Mr. Donnelly said the promoters' payments amount to just under two per cent of the gross gate.

Biggest contributor to Jack Solomons, the leading London promoter, he told a Board meeting that since 1945, he has paid in almost £20,000.

Multiplying Mr. Donnelly's two per cent by Mr. Solomons' payments shows that the promoter in less than four years has collected gross gates of about £1,000,000.—Associated Press.

Speedways Break All Records

London, May 2. Daredevil motorcycle rider drew a record attendance of 10,043,381 fans last year at Speedway league matches.

Speedway racing came to Britain 20 years ago. There are now 33 teams in the League.

Best previous attendance was 9,238,600 in 1947, reported Leo Jontit-Colonel Vernon, League chairman of the Speedway Control Board.

Colonel Brook said the biggest problem for the sport is the shortage of riders. Many come from Australia.—Associated Press.

Leo Durocher May Be Vindicated

New York, May 1.

The pendulum of public opinion swung toward Leo Durocher and again away from him today as the Giants piled up support for his brassy manager, who is under suspension for an alleged fight with a fan last week.

There are growing indications that Durocher will be vindicated when he faces the Baseball Commissioner, A. B. Chandler, in Cincinnati.

Durocher is under suspension because of charges by Fred Boyesen, an ex-serviceman, that Durocher kicked him at the Polo Grounds after he had heckled the Giants' manager through a 15-2 lacing by the Dodgers.

At first Durocher's future looked black. He has been in trouble many times before, once for hitting a heckling fan. It appeared that his baseball career might be over. Commissioner Chandler is known to have warned him that another antic would be his last.

Mr. Chandler suspended Durocher on Friday pending a hearing of the new charges. Then the pendulum began swinging.

First Boyesen was discharged from hospital with no bruises and no internal injuries. Then the president of the Giants, Horace Winkham, announced that he considered Boyesen's accusations baseless and that he would ask an unusual 100 witnesses claiming that Durocher did not strike the fan.

Next one witness, George Cronk, came forward with the story that it was he who had kicked Boyesen, accidentally across the field after the game and Boyesen either was pushed or had fallen. "I tripped over him and I suppose I kicked him," said Cronk.

Many fans and writers jumped to Durocher's support today. Baseball writers signed a resolution supporting Leo. Dan Parker, sports editor of the "New York Daily Mirror," said in his column today that Mr. Chandler should not have suspended Durocher without a hearing.

"Thousands of Giants" followed by who had no use for Durocher have become his supporters because Chandler's obvious attempt to convict him before trial has outraged their sense of justice," wrote Parker.

The sports editor of the "New York Daily News" devoted his full column today to letters from readers on the Durocher subject. All but one supported the Giants' manager.

France And Spain Winners At Rome Horse Show

Rome, May 2.

France and Spain were the winners in the two second day events of the 18th Rome International Horse Show yesterday. Spain was also second in one event, Eira won second place in the other.

France took third place in the first event—a steeplechase—as well as the winning position and captured third, fourth, and fifth in the second event, high jumping.

Italy took fourth and fifth places in the steeplechase.

For the first time a woman rider was placed. She was prettiest, blonde Miss M. Canero, who took third place for France in the high jumping contest. She went twice over barriers ranging from 1.30 to 1.65 metres on a little brown gelding in pretty, sailing rides that brought the crowd to its feet in admiration.

But the sensation of the day was the riding of Spain's Lieutenant-Colonel Jose Morales on Quorum, the beautiful bay Arabian gelding on which he won the first event of the meeting on Saturday.

With dark gathering, a light rain falling and a high wind blowing, Colonel Morales charged at the newly-raised barriers in the second and final round of the high jumping event as though he were springing across prairie land. Without the slightest slackening of the breakneck pace, he cleared all eight high obstacles, covering the course of about 850 metres in 55 seconds flat.—Associated Press.